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AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

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We have heard with great alarm of recent threats to, and attacks on, Alexei Gramm, Sergei Bryzgalov, Alexei Etmanov and Vladimir Lesik, leaders of the Russian Inter-regional Trade Union of Autoworkers, in response to their call for recognition and basic information at ZAO [Ford Motor Company].

On behalf of the 50,000 Canadian members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, we urge you to undertake an immediate, unbiased and transparent investigation to ensure that the instigators of this campaign of intimidation are brought to justice.

We also call on you and other public authorities of the Russian Federation to ensure that all employers comply fully with ILO Conventions 87 [On Freedom of Association] and 98 [On the Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining], as ratified by your Government.

Sincerely,

Dave Ritchie
General Vice President

Cc: IMF, Geneva

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