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INDONESIAN RAILWAYS WORKER'S UNION
DEWAN PENGURUS PUSAT



To:
Bro. Risto Elonen
President, Finnish Locomotive Drivers' Union (VML)
Bro. Marko Piirainen
President, Finnish Transport Workers Union (AKT)

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Dear Brother,

We have been reading with much concern about unilateral actions being taken by the new Finnish government that undermine and weaken the rights and interests of workers and trade unions in Finland. We understand that in the past several weeks the government has announced policies that will reduce workers' entitlements related to unemployment insurance, overtime and Sunday compensations, sick leaves, vacation leaves, holidays, etc. The government we also learn is planning to slash national budgets on education and health threatening social welfare of the people. This is alarming in a developed country like Finland which is also known to be a model welfare state.

SPKA support a major demonstration & mass action that planned by The trade unions in Finland on September 18th against government's coercive measures targeting employee working conditions.

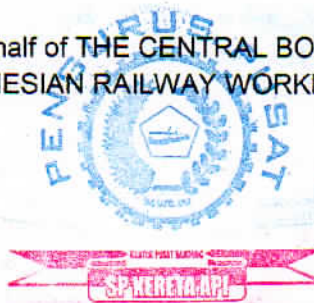
The SPKA representing nearly 28,000 members from Indonesian Railways express solidarity with VML & AKT our sister transport Unions in Finland, with whom we share a strong relationship over many years through our common affiliation with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF). We stand with you and the working class of Finland in opposing unilateral cuts in employee working conditions. We also ask the Finland government to negotiate with the Unions and to find amicable solution to the problems confronting the workers and sections of Finnish society which are dependent on social welfare budgets.

Please keep us informed of further developments. Meanwhile we will inform and educate our members and appraise them of the difficult situation being faced by the Finnish workers and the need to mobilise international level workers solidarity.

In Solidarity

On behalf of THE CENTRAL BOARD of
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