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To Egils Baldzens
President
Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia

Greetings to the participants of the 9th Congress of the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia to be held on December 3, 2021

Dear Mr. Baldzens,
Dear congress delegates and congress participants,

First of all, let me greet you on this very important day for your organization - the 9th Congress of the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS) and wish you a very successful event.

We would have been indeed very happy to have an opportunity to be present there together with you and share the importance of the congress day but unfortunately and understandably the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with this. The pandemic not only interfered with just this one event but it greatly changed the life and work around the world. It multiplied the problems and challenges facing working people, as well as work of the trade unions across the world. Workers had been faced with various challenges even before the pandemic but it has created even more unequal and challenging environment for the employed people. Thus trade unions working for protection of workers' rights and achievement of decent work and equal opportunities for everyone are in need of more united actions and doubled efforts. In this situation solidarity and working together are crucially important. We believe that international solidarity and working together can play important role in our fight for better life and work for our members, for all workers in both our countries and in the world.

Once again, on behalf of the Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC), Georgian workers and me personally, please accept our best wishes for successful and fruitful work of this congress and your organization.

In solidarity,

Irakli Petriashvili
President