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We are delighted to send greetings to our colleagues, the delegates of the 9th Congress of The Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia.

The LBAS like the All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions (OPZZ) was, able to face the impact of neoliberal ideology that promotes "individualisation" to raise the importance of solidarity, collective bargaining, participation in labour disputes and social and economic disputes and other trade unions values to the broader and higher context. When people suffered during the previous financial crisis and unemployment, the LBAS showed that is the most hard-working protector of workers and reached in 2009 colloquially known 'the 11 June agreement'. There is a long story to say, but the core of it is the continued perseverance that shaped the main principle to fight in solidarity for the rights of working people, say VETO! against exploitation, discrimination, violation of workers' rights, seeking solutions and putting them into practice, into reality. Both of us-trade unions from Eastern Europe, have the same matters to face up. During these extraordinary times that we live through, marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, that emerging economic crisis, as well as another crisis- the humanitarian crisis of our borders with Belarus, causes that our trade unions are bound with each other more strongly than ever.

Only together can we do more. Our voice, the voice of the trade unions, must be heard.

Our unions, in the framework of the ITUC, ETUC, and BASTUN, demand the improvement of social protection, better convergence, and the course of all actions taken to protect people, to have people in its heart, so that it will bring us the end of poverty and social exclusion.

We strongly support your actions, and we are sure that only together we can win the battle for a social Europe and bring people positive globalisation. So please again receive from All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions our fraternal greetings and we wish you a successful Congress.

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