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Dear Prime Minister,

The network of south-eastern European energy trade unions, a network of which Slovenia is also a part, is unpleasantly surprised. In a country that once set an example of social dialogue in the south-eastern region the Trade Union of Energy Sector Workers of Slovenia (SDE Slovenia) is preparing for a general energy sector strike.

Moreover, we are astonished and concerned by the fact that our colleges' strike demands are an expression of powerlessness of the Union that merely wishes the agreed and signed rules to be respected. From an organisational and economic view, the issues are not insoluble.

The Union's demands are legitimate as SDE Slovenia wishes to improve relations and solve the current issues by means of dialogue and talks – something that is common in all countries of this region. These values are even more important to the members of the European Community, the community of which most RETUNSEE members want to become a part.

We call on You to immediately, that is before the onset of the announced strike, take up talks, consider next steps and that You together with the Union reach the right solution entirely acceptable for both parties. After all, we should bear in mind that even if the announced strike takes place both parties will need to be able to reach agreements and suitable solutions.

Within its international activities the Trade Unions Network will begin informing its members' governments and parliaments of the current situation in Slovenia. We will pay particular attention to the energy companies cooperating with energy companies in Slovenia. Therefore, we rightfully expect that in the following days we will be able to forward exclusively positive information regarding a constructive social dialogue and a resolution for the current issues – all without resorting to such extreme measures of the union's fight as a strike.

We look forward to Your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Goran Takić

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