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To all UNI Post & Logistics affiliates in Europe

Dear Colleagues,

TNT UPDATE

I would like to thank all those affiliates who sent letters of protest to the TNT CEO, Peter Bakker. As a result of your interventions I met Mr Bakker during the World Economic Forum in Davos last week.

In a lengthy meeting, Mr Bakker confirmed that he has taken legal action against the German government, against the recent law on minimum wages in the postal and logistics sector. This law has resulted in a minimum wage in the sector of €9.80. Mr Bakker confirms that he does not intend to apply this law to his 6,000 staff in Germany unless forced to do so.

The TNT management has agreed that a further meeting should take place with UNI to discuss this matter. Only days ago, one of the largest logistics companies, PIN, decided to apply the new German minimum wage agreement.

The Dutch unions AbvaKabo and Bondgenoten have also reported that they have a series of issues with TNT and with the Deutsche Post subsidiary in Holland. As has been pointed out during UNI Post & Logistics meetings, Deutsche Post must comply with the collective agreement in Holland.

The immediate next steps would be for a meeting to take place in Holland involving the two Dutch unions, ver.di, Germany, UNI Global Union and the ITF. I have been in regular contact with the ITF General Secretary, David Cockcroft on this matter. We aim to organise this meeting as soon as possible. UNI will keep you informed of developments and I thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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UNI General Secretary