

Dear comrades,
dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the whole CGIL for the strong solidarity that you have showed to our organisations, as of October 9th when our premises in Rome have been attacked and vandalised.

This attack has a clear fascist connotation; such movements, by enacting such a violent action, wanted to silence the trade union movement - which represents millions of workers and retirees, in a historical crucial movement for the future of Italy and the whole Europe.

Our reaction, with the demonstration organised on October 16th, is just the beginning of all forms of fascism which we intend to pursue at national, European and international level.

I want to thank all of you who sent messages, called us or contacted us conveying solidarity and closeness. I thank in particular those comrades who have organised demonstrations in other European cities and around the globe: we did not feel alone, but surrounded and reinforced by a global trade union movement which has been attacked as a whole.

We are aware that the fight does not end here, but that this is just the beginning of an awareness raising process and of a mobilisation which should lead to the setting up of an international antifascist network and to the defeat of all forms of fascism. Such movement aim at silencing trade union confederal organisations which are strongly anchored to the values of anti-fascism, democracy, to the central role played by secure and stable jobs, rule of law, solidarity and peace. Our response is and will be very firm: no one will silence those who defend the principles and values of the Italian Constitution born from the anti-fascist resistance.

Your closeness warmed our heart in a moment of distress and pain. We are deeply aware that united we are stronger and that we will continue to fight together.

In solidarity,

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