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Dear Presidents Ferenc Rabi and Gál Rezső,

On behalf of the 20 million workers who belong to the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM), I write to express our strong support and solidarity to your two Hungarian trade union federations, as well as to the workers and regional branch unions of BDSZ and EVDSZ who are fighting justifiably to keep the Vértas electric power and coal mining enterprises operating.

The ICEM knows that Hungarian workers and their supporters will be manifesting on 17 and 18 May, and we make this a special feature on our website and in our 17 May electronic newsletter that is seen by tens of thousands of trade unionists throughout the world.

Your manifestations today and tomorrow to preserve jobs, livable standards for families, and to keep local business enterprises around the Márkushegy mine and Oraszlány plant operable is exactly the rallying cry that workers worldwide must make to ensure sustainable futures. With a global trade union sustainability conference coming soon to Canada, your rallying cry to achieve a balance between clean environmental methods and security of employment is a leading example to all of us.

The ICEM is convinced that your actions inside your great nation will persuade the board of directors of Hungarian Power Companies (MVM) to retract from any decision to liquidate this important entity that serves the public good so well. The ICEM is convinced, as you are, that a sustainable future means security of work and investment and modification to electric generating facilities that make them environmentally friendly. Again, as you manifest, please know that all 467 ICEM trade union affiliates in 132 countries stand with you.

Fraternally,

Manfred Warda
 General Secretary