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Dear colleagues Carlos and Agustin:

On behalf of my union, I am writing to express our total solidarity and support for the eight workers of Airbus being persecuted by the Spanish authorities, and also to strongly reject the attacks on workers' rights, the right to strike and on democracy in Spain.

The unjust charges and excessive possible punishment for the charged workers – each one of them could be sentenced to more than eight years in prison – who participated in the strike of 29 September, 2010 and thereby exercised their legitimate right to strike in front of the Airbus factory in Getafe, is clearly part of a campaign to criminalize the trade union movement and social protest in general.

We call on the Spanish authorities to immediately end this outrageous violation of workers' rights, and we demand justice for the eight workers.

In Solidarity,



LEN McCLUSKEY
General Secretary