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Brussels, 13 May 2019

Dear President, Dear Vadym,

## Railway trade union rally on 14 May 2019 in Kyiv

On the eve of your mass protests tomorrow, we are addressing you today on behalf of the 5 million members that the European Transport Workers' Federation represents across all transport modes and all countries in 41 European countries.

We would like to express our support to your mass demonstration on Tuesday 14 May 2019 convened due to the non-respect of the current Sectoral and Collective Agreements by the JSC "Ukrzaliznytsza". The fact that your union is able to organise such a great mobilisation is a proof of your strength.

The ETF Executive Committee, after hearing an extensive report from our Ukrainian affiliate, decided to fully support the seven claims addressed to the Ukrainian government, Parliament as well as the President of Ukraine and corresponding letters bearing the signatures of all EC members present were sent to them. And we are determined to support you further if needed!

The fight for fair working conditions and against social dumping is at our very heart. Over the past two years, we have run the Fair Transport campaign which culminated on 27 March 2019 with a big demonstration in the streets of Brussels. But the work if far from being accomplished we need to make sure that every transport worker has a decent wage and decent working conditions, be it in Belgium or in Ukraine. This is also why our hearts will be with you tomorrow.





In this respect, we wish you all the best of luck for your action tomorrow. Please make sure to inform us about the course of actions and the outcome so that we can convey the message to other affiliates and the general public.

We remain at your disposal for any further support you may need.

In solidarity,

Frank MOREELS President

**Acting General Secretary** 

