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To: ETF UK Affiliates

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## Ref: ETF support and solidarity for UK workers and trade unions post-Brexit

Dear comrades,

On the day of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, we pledge our support to our brothers and sisters in the UK.

In May 2019 our Executive Committee met in London to affirm our friendship and full support to our UK affiliates, no matter if the UK would remain or exit the EU.

Our message back then was clear: there is no Brexit for workers! Today, we want to reaffirm that the ETF is the united voice for all transport workers in Europe, much beyond the EU borders. Together, we will keep working through the current uncertainty and fight for the highest standards on workers' rights, preventing a race to the bottom, and maintaining a strong European workers' movement.

The ETF is changing. With our political work to shape EU policies and legislation, we are developing our work beyond the EU context. We aim to deliver solidarity, to establish networks, to work on companies, to build our members' political and organising capacity. The UK unions have been among the first to push for this change, and we hope that you'll stay among the leading forces to build a stronger ETF.

Whatever the results of upcoming EU-UK trade deal negotiations, the ETF is committed to continuing the fight for the rights of transport workers around Europe, whatever their nationality, whatever their place of work.

We will continue to work cooperatively and in solidarity with all our affiliates, inside or outside the EU, to defend fair transport throughout Europe.

Let's make this change an opportunity to grow our cooperation and European workers' solidarity.

In Solidarity,

Livia Spera

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