

To: Odborové sdružení železničářů

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Dear colleagues,

We are shocked and saddened to learn about the terrible rail accident on 14 July 2020 near Prague. With great sadness, we learned that the collision between two trains resulted in the death of one of the train drivers, and 35 injured.

ETF presents its sincere condolences to the family, loved ones, friends and colleagues of the train driver. We also express solidarity with our Czech railway affiliate, OSŽ, and all railway workers in this difficult time.

We are especially saddened and shaken because this is the second major accident in a week on the Czech railway network. These two terrible accidents show just how vital it is to fight for railway safety, for safe working conditions and against financial cuts to ensure passengers' and railway workers' safety in both freight and passenger transport. We hope that the independent investigation reveals the full range of causes, and that concrete measures will be implemented to avoid such accidents in the future.

In solidarity,



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