



European Transport Workers' Federation
ETF Management Committee
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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ILA)

The ETF Management Committee:

NOTES that the offshore wind industry is rapidly expanding outside of Europe, including the United States, and that key industry players including Ørsted, Equinor and Vineyard are leaders in driving this change.

FURTHER NOTES that in countries where the offshore wind industry has developed, Dockers and Seafarers are critical to the supply chain in the transportation of offshore turbines and equipment, including but not limited to the loading and unloading of cargo, offshore materials, equipment, and movement of cargo around the port.

IS AWARE that for over the past two years the ILA has in good faith tried to engage with Ørsted and Siemens Gamesa to prepare for their development of the first offshore wind farms in the United States.

IS DISPLEASED AND DISAPPOINTED that Ørsted and Siemens Gamesa is trying to employ non-ITF, non-maritime workers to perform work traditionally performed by the ILA in its first offshore wind farm in New London, Connecticut. Especially since Dockers affiliates around the world including in Spain, United Kingdom, Germany, and Belgium, perform the work in dispute in the United States.

RECALLS the meeting between 3F, Dansk Metal and the ITF with Ørsted in Copenhagen in January 2023 and the commitment from Ørsted to actively engage with ITF affiliates in any country they enter and that they will work with all the unions in the room including the ILA, International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Maritime Union of Australia (MUA), and the Norwegian Seafarers' Union (NSU), but immediately failed to uphold that commitment in the United States.

HAS GRAVE CONCERNS that Ørsted and Siemens Gamesa are not respecting the historical core jurisdiction of the ILA as it expands its operations to the United States as it develops offshore wind farms and therefore urgently requests that:

- ▶ Ørsted and Siemens Gamesa bargain in good faith with the ILA to find a resolution in New London that respect the ILA's jurisdiction.
- ▶ Shipping companies chartered by Ørsted and suppliers in their supply chain respect the ITF Non-Seafarers' Work Clause which requires the use of ITF affiliated dockers to carry out cargo handling services in a port, at a terminal or on board of a vessel.
- ▶ The ITF Dockers' Section Committee collaborate with ITF affiliates and the International





Dockworkers Council (IDC) to ensure that ILA's jurisdiction is maintained in New London, Connecticut, in the first instance, and in all further projects that Ørsted develops in the United States and in all other countries it operates or expands its operation to.