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Your fight is also our fight!

Dear Sisters, dear Brothers at Casale, Budapest and Hagenow,

The Danone Management wants to close your factories. The CIC Danone European Works Council was informed accordingly by the Management at an extraordinary meeting on June 11, 2014 and has studied your situation at Casale, Budapest and Hagenow intensively.

We are also highly moved emotionally. What you have to live through today, may well happen to other sites tomorrow. We all feel concerned! Casale is everywhere, Budapest is everywhere, Hagenow is everywhere!

We refuse to accept that more than 300 people are not only to lose their jobs but their future prospects as well!!! What will become of the older colleagues whose only prospect will be long-term unemployment? What will become of the married couples who will no longer be able to feed their families? What will become of their houses? How is their social dislocation to be avoided? And the fate of more people than the 300 is at stake. Entire families are concerned, small craftsmen who receive orders from your factories, and many other individuals.

Trade unionists from Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, and the United Kingdom are represented in the CIC. We all condemn strongly and unanimously the fact that Danone wants to close your factories!!!

We urge the management to abandon its plans to close factories and instead to seek sound and sustainable solutions through constructive negotiations with worker representatives!

Dear Sisters, dear Brothers, our thoughts are with you in solidarity!!!

Stay strong, we are by your side!!!

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Geneva, 11th June, 2014

On behalf of the IUF members of the CIC.

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