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To:

Thierry Bodson, President FGTB

Miranda Ulens, General Secretary FGTB

Brahim Hilami, Federal secretary CG FGTB

EFBWW supports FGTB's trade unionists fundamental right to strike

Dear Colleagues,

We join our voice to FGTB and disapprove the conviction of 17 FGTB trade unionists by the Belgian courts for exercising their right to strike. On International Human Rights Day, we call on the Belgian judicial system to respect fundamental rights.

The criminal courts condemned FGTB leaders and activists for exercising their right to strike, which is a fundamental right, recognised by international and European organisations and institutions. Therefore, this anti-union decision endangers the fundamental right to collective action, workers' rights and democracy.

We do not accept decisions that weaken workers' rights, such as the right to strike and demonstrate as a way to fight for better working and living conditions!

The EFBWW shows its solidarity and fully supports FGTB in its actions.

Yours fraternally,

Tom Deleu
General Secretary