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CC: Union Representative
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Dear Minister,

Support for Serbian affiliate

On behalf of the European Transport Workers' Federation, an organisation representing more than 5 million transport workers from more than 200 transport unions and 38 European countries, we are writing to you to express our solidarity and support to the Union of Boatmen and Seafarers of Serbia and with all Serbian seafarers and boatmen, who work on the foreign ships, who were called to pay taxes for 2017 for an extremely high amount.

We have been informed that this area in Serbia is not well covered by the law, that all seafarers are seen as freelancers so taxations are high and without coverage for pension and health insurance.

The Union representing the Boatmen and Seafarers have been making requests for consultations with the Ministry of Finance and we call on you to address the Union's request as a matter of urgency as the Union has some constructive and useful contributions to make in terms of resolving this issue.

With our compliments,



Livia Spera
General Secretary