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Mr. Piet Dankert
President
European Parliament
Plâteau du Kirchberg
Luxembourg
Grand Duché

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Dear Mr. Dankert,

Enclosed, please find a copy of a letter we have today addressed to General Jaruzelski, concerning the plight of Mr. Janusz Palubicki and other SOLIDARNOSC activists in prison in Poland.

The ETUC requests that you do whatever is possible to bring pressure to bear on the Polish authorities, to render appropriate health care to Mr. Palubicki and his fellow political prisoners, not only in the Strzelin Prison, but in other Polish prisons as well, and that their human dignity be preserved.

Yours sincerely,

Björn Pettersson
Deputy General Secretary

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General Wojciech Jaruzelski
Chairman of the Council of State
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Warsaw
Poland

Dear General Jaruzelski,

The European Trade Union Confederation, representing 43 million workers in 19 West European countries, has received information from sources in Poland confirming the critical state of health of SOLIDARNOSC's leader Janusz Palubicki at the prison hospital in Wroclaw.

We have been informed that Mr. Palubicki suffers from a heart ailment which has been made worse by the hunger strike that he, together with other SOLIDARNOSC activists have started as of December 5, 1983, in order to demand recognition for the status of political prisoners in Poland.

Also, we have received news that there is a rapid deterioration of conditions for prisoners at the Strzelin Prison and especially as regards the condition of Janusz Palubicki.

The European Trade Union Confederation demands that you, as Chairman of the Council of State in Poland, take immediate steps to assure us that Janusz Palubicki and other political prisoners in the Strzelin Prison and other prisons in Poland, will be given appropriate health care as is necessary at this time and that the international laws are applied to preserve human dignity.

If this is not done, judgement over you and your government will be recognised and condemned all over the world by all those people who believe and subscribe to the respect of human rights and dignity.

Yours sincerely,

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