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Matica – Association of Croatian Trade Unions

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To: The Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic (KOZ SR)

President: Monika Uhlerová

SUBJECT: Letter of support to The Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of Matica – Association of Croatian Trade Unions, I wish to express our strong solidarity with KOZ SR and with all Slovak workers in light of the recently announced consolidation package.

We share your deep concern that the greatest burden of this package will once again be placed on workers, with measures that will result in freezing public sector wages, raising health insurance contributions, interfering with working time on public holidays, restricting unemployment benefits and increasing the personal income tax burden. Such measures will undoubtedly worsen the living standards of workers and their families.

We are particularly alarmed by the fact that these decisions were taken without genuine and meaningful social dialogue. The government's last-minute presentation of the package to the Economic and Social Council of the Slovak Republic left no real opportunity for constructive discussion or for alternative proposals to be considered. This disregard for social partners is unacceptable and undermines the very principles of democratic decision-making.

Your decision to protest on 30th September 2025 is a just and necessary response. Workers must not repeatedly bear the heaviest share of government fiscal decisions, especially if fairer and more balanced solutions exist. We commend KOZ SR for standing firm in defence of social justice and for demanding a fairer distribution of consolidation costs.

Please know that Matica fully supports your demands and stand united with you in your efforts to protect workers' rights and dignity. We will share your message with our members and the wider public to strengthen solidarity across borders.

We wish you courage, unity, and success in your protest and in all your future efforts to ensure a fair and just society for all.

In solidarity,

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