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Dear Valter,

US steel and aluminium tariffs

I am writing following Donald Trump's threat to impose import duties of 25% on steel imports and 10% tariffs on aluminium imports. Given the top 20 steel exporters into the USA are drawn from every region of IndustriAll this is an issue that will have an impact on steelworkers around the globe, including knock-on implications for our brothers and sisters in the US steel industry should this escalate into a global trade war.

I am sure you will agree that a global issue such as this requires a global trade union response and clearly IndustriAll should take the lead. Therefore, I would respectfully request that IndustriAll brings together affiliates with an interest so we can find a way forward in the best interests of all steelworkers. Nobody goes into this believing there is an easy answer but then, as trade unionists, we should strive towards a negotiated solution.

Yours sincerely,



Roy Rickhuss
General Secretary