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Dear Prime Minister Novalić,

We are writing to you to express our deep concern over the information received from our affiliated organisation in Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning the several months' delay in social dialogue and the interruption in the work of the Economic and Social Council (ESC) for the territory of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, although there are no justified reasons for this delay and interruption.

Namely, we have been notified that the FBiH government, in its letter dated 7 March 2018, informed the ESC for the territory of the Federation of BiH that the conditions have not been met to convene the ESC session, by which it directly interfered with and interrupted the functioning of the social dialogue related to very important matters for the workers and citizens of the Federation of BiH.

This development may produce a wide-ranging impact on the situation with the working people in the country. This requires a serious approach to the issues aimed at ensuring that the outcomes do not result in further erosion of labour and social rights and do not have a negative effect on the development of an efficient employment policy and labour relations.

To that end, we do believe that there are good chances to enable that shift and open the way for solutions based on consensus and realistic perspectives for positive effects in the future. The first steps obviously begin with the restarting of social dialogue within the applicable Agreement on the establishment of the ESC for the territory of the Federation of BiH, which constitutes an institutional framework for tripartite social dialogue in which the social partners autonomously decide on their members in the ESC.

We firmly believe that it is in the best interest of all social partners to avoid unnecessary tension and conflicts in society.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary

cc: KSBiH
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