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Dear Carlo,

Solidarity from UNISON for the General Strike of 12 December 2009

On behalf of UNISON and our 1.3 million members, I am sending this message of solidarity to you and CGIL as you call on your government to desist from implementing anti-labour policies which fly in the face of rights which are enshrined in international law.

UNISON supports CGIL as you take strike action against a government determined to undermine public services through privatisation policies as well as eroding pension rights and capping pay.

Yesterday was the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is incumbent on us to protect the principles set out in the UDHR, most notably the right to work, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment as well as the right to an adequate standard of living.

Yours fraternally,

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Prentis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'P'.

Dave Prentis
General Secretary