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Dear Federico,

We have learnt that Stefano Argenio, a nurse and FP CGIL trade union delegate, has been arrested this morning while on the Conscience ship, as part of the flotilla aiming to deliver medical and humanitarian support to the people of Gaza. Stefano is a health professional and a trade unionist, and we stand with you in his support.

We condemn his arrest in international waters and call for his immediate release and the respect of his rights. This marks the second wave of ships and arrests; during the last wave, members of CGIL-FP and the Irish union Forsa were also arrested.

We will continue to follow the situation as it evolves

In solidarity,



General Secretary  
Jan Willem Goudriaan