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To Sinan Husic
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Bosnia and Herzegovina

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IndustriALL Global Union's Message of Condolences to Coal Mine Workers at Raspotocje mine in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear Sinan Husic,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in 141 countries worldwide, taking up the fight for better working conditions and trade union rights around the world, to extend the collective condolences of our union family to you, your colleagues and families of the deceased five miners over the tragic accident, which we was triggered by a 3.5-magnitude earthquake near the town of Zenica, at the Raspotocje coal mine in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We are deeply saddened by this news.

This is a sad and tragic reminder of the importance of ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for miners all over the world, in full accordance with national labour legislation and international core labour standards, including the International Labour Organization's Convention 176 on Safety and Health in Mines. We strongly encourage the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to implement its plan to vastly upgrade the operation at the Raspotocje coal mine and improve working conditions.

Our hearts go out to all of you and the members of the families of the mine workers, who lost their lives in the accident.

In solidarity,



Jyrki Raina
General Secretary