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To all EMF member organisations

**Re: GM Strasbourg Powertrain plant in France**

Dear Colleagues,

On 28 May information meetings were held at the GM Strasbourg plant in France, which each of the unions represented at the plant had organised to provide the status of negotiations and the strong opposition to the planned job redundancies of 168 people.

The production lines were stopped and the GM workers attended the union meetings in the plant. The step of GM Management to set up the legal process for job redundancies according to the French law was a clear break of the commitment with the European Works Council of GM (EEF).

It was also agreed during the last meeting not to implement any measures on the local level until another meeting could be scheduled.

The planned dismissal of 168 workers is offensive to the French unions and workers because GM shows no willingness to offer any product commitments for the long term future of the plant.

At the next meeting of the EEF on June 2-3 in Rüsselsheim the European Works Council will focus on the future of the Powertrain plants (engines and transmissions) and the plant in Luton, UK (Vivaro).

The EMF expresses its full solidarity with the workers at GM Strasbourg Powertrain, and encourages all its affiliated organisations to send letters of solidarity to the workforce.

Messages should be sent to: Jean-Marc Ruhland on [Jean-Marc.Ruhland@strasbourg.gm.com](mailto:Jean-Marc.Ruhland@strasbourg.gm.com)

Please send copies of your messages to Caroline Jacobsson at the EMF, [caroline@gmworkersblog.com](mailto:caroline@gmworkersblog.com)

Thank you in advance.

*In solidarity,*

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General Secretary