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Liebe Elisabeth, lieber Kai,

stellvertretend für die Arbeitnehmervertreter der Alstom/ General Electric in Europa sprechen wir euch unsere Solidarität aus.

Mit Schrecken haben wir gestern die Veröffentlichung der erschreckenden Abbaupläne von GE für Europa zu Kenntnis genommen.

Wir möchten euch ausdrücklich zu der gelungenen Auftaktveranstaltung für die nun kommende Protestbewegung gratulieren.

Mit solidarischen Grüßen



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Declaration of Solidarity

Dear colleagues,

We were made aware today of the massive reduction of workforce in Europe and are greatly disappointed. The announcement of Alstom's a reduction of 6.500 employees in Europe is being viewed as a direct "slap-in-the-face" of the Alstom employees. We deeply sympathize with you.

After a long and intensive buying race in 2013, General Electric has now shown their true face and their intentions. It is now clear that General Electric never had the intention to welcome all of Alstom locations with its employees into the GE family.

Such a decision is only based on strategic, capitalistic facts, ignoring the individual, local and regional impacts and consequences of such decisions.

From now on, no employee and no Works Council can welcome GE as an investor.

As the ABB European Works Council, we are historically and regionally interlinked with Alstom and its employees. Many large Alstom locations, such as Västerås in Sweden, Baden in Switzerland and Mannheim in Germany, have been former ABB locations. Our former colleagues, neighbors and friends are threatened by General Electric's decision. We, the ABB European Works Council, have not forgotten our common past and stand together in solidarity with you, our colleagues who are now confronted with this situation.

Résistance has been the buzzword for many years now in your fight for jobs and for a positive future. We are sure that GE will have to re-learn what "**Résistance**" means in Europe.

We reject the decision made by the GE management and encourage you to keep your heads up and fight against this decision.



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