



JOINT DECLARATION
of workers' representatives, trade union organizations of
the metallurgical and steel industry within the Czech
Republic, Poland and Slovakia

From 27 to 28 July 2020, the 6th meeting of employee representatives, trade union organizations from the metallurgical and steel industries operating in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia took place in Žiar.

Meetings with participating representatives of the trade union organizations, chairman of the Regional Section of Metallurgy of the NSZZ „Solidarność“ Andrzej Karol, chairman of OZ KOVO US Steel KOŠICE Juraj Varga, chairman of HOS OS KOVO Bc. Roman Ďurčo, working as one of the most important area in the steel industry, operating in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia. An integral form of registration is the attendance list, see appendix. The participants of the meeting represent more than 50 thousand employees.

The participants after the exchange of information about the current situation in individual companies and countries stated that the situation in the metallurgical and steel industries in their countries and the whole European Union is very difficult or even critical, and is at significant risk from the point of view of maintaining steel production at the required level, and thus of jobs and companies.

The European metallurgical and steel industry and its global competitiveness are affected by several negative factors, including the incipient cooling of the European economy, continuing growth in the volume of steel imported from third countries, increase in the cost of emission allowances and continued greening and volatile prices of incoming raw materials, which requires exceptional pan-European measures.

The participants agreed that it is absolutely necessary to tackle the crisis in the European metallurgical industry and the steel industry together by all available means and accept this Joint Declaration unanimously.

Its main current points for solution and requirements are:


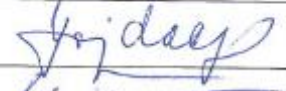
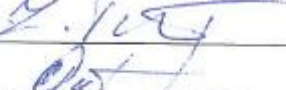

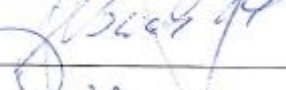





- The steel and metallurgical industry is an integral and needed part of EU industry, its development, job creation and it must also be preserved and supported as a legacy of historical development at least at the current level, including jobs.
- Processing and adoption of programs under the EU Steel Workers' Fund if redundancies and job reductions occur.
- Steelmakers are asking the European trade union organization IndustriAll to organize protests in cooperation with the European employers' organization Eurofer in front of the European Parliament for EU steel workers in Brussels.
- If the situation worsens due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is needed to prepare the event by sector in the industrial areas of individual EU states, coordinated in one day and also with online video transmissions.

All participants in the negotiations agreed that the above requirements are addressed to the European Commission and the European Parliament, governments, European centers of trade unions, employers, and it is imperative to deal with them effectively and vigorously. At the same time, it was stated in agreement that they all were ready to fully support, collaborate, publish and press for the demands addressed to the European Commission and the EU Parliament.

Further joint talks to evaluate the effectiveness of procedures and the solution of requirements, self-reflection and further cooperation will take place according to the seriousness of the situation in the EU, or by the end of this year.

In Žiar on 28.7.2020

Prezenční listina
z mezinárodního setkání zástupců odborových organizací hutních podniků
Česka, Slovenska a Polska
konaného ve dnech 26. - 28. 7. 2020 v SDR Žiar

P.č.	Název hutního podniku	Jméno a příjmení	Podpis
1.	Třinecké železářny Třinec	Marcel PIELESZ	
2.		Věra GAJDACZOVÁ	
3.		Zdeněk TUROŇ	
4.		Jan Gut	
5.	NSZZ Solidarność	Andrzej KAROL	
6.	NSZZ Solidarność	Andrzej GĘBARA	
7.	ArcelorMittal Kraków	Mirosław NOWAK	
8.	ArcelorMittal Kraków	Dariusz CHMIEL	
9.	OZ KOVO U.S.Steel KOŠICE	Juraj VARGA	
10.	OZ KOVO U.S.Steel KOŠICE	Bartolomej FENIČIN	
11.	ZO OZ KOVO Slovalko, Žiar nad Hronom	Rudolf BRÁZDOVIČ	
12.	ZO OS KOVO VÍTKOVICE STEEL	Bc. Roman ĎURČO	