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Dear President Sandberg,

The Pulp and Paper Workers Branch of the CFMEU in Australia has learned from the ICEM about your union's most difficult negotiations in the Swedish pulp and paper sector. I write to express our support and solidarity to Svenska Pappers and the 18,000 workers that you represent in these negotiations.

We understand that Pappers is seeking a fair and equitable wage settlement from Sweden's forestry employers' association, as well as fairness on a retirement plan and added pay supplements for Swedish paperworkers at the very low end of the pay schedule. This is only right.

We also understand that if negotiations do not get resolved in a fair manner this week that your union has chosen to begin industrial actions next week on April 12. From there, we have learned that the next step will be selective strikes at six Swedish paper mills on April 16. Please know that you have got the support of the CFMEU in these talks.

Please convey these words of solidarity to your bargaining committee and to all workers in the pulp and paper sector of Sweden. The CFMEU stands together with Pappers in your union's efforts to achieve a fair national collective agreement.

In Solidarity,

Alex Millar
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