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Your Excellency:

The Labor Committee to Release Imprisoned Trade Unionists and Democratic Socialists requests your help in securing justice for hundreds of Hungarian working men and women who have been unjustly imprisoned since the 1956 revolution.

Enclosed is a list of 322 identifiable Hungarian workers whom we believe to be still alive in Communist prisons. The whereabouts of many others are unknown, due to the policy of deliberate concealment followed by the present Hungarian authorities. We urge you to do everything in your power to obtain the release of these imprisoned members of the Hungarian working class. Specifically, we suggest that the Secretary General, acting under the terms of previous resolutions of the General Assembly, be authorized to

1. Discuss the fate of the Hungarian prisoners with responsible authorities in Budapest and Moscow and obtain a complete official accounting of the charges against these workers and the legal proceedings against them, as well as their present place of confinement. And should such discussions prove fruitful,
2. Arrange for an impartial committee designated by the General Assembly to meet with the Hungarian authorities to negotiate for the release of as many as possible of the imprisoned workers, and --if they so desire--for their emigration, together with their families, to other lands.
3. Report on the outcome of his efforts at the next session of the General Assembly.

On behalf of the more than 500 trade union and democratic socialist leaders from 70 countries which constitute our membership, I implore your urgent consideration for the fate of the imprisoned Hungarian workers.

With every good wish, I am,

Respectfully yours,

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