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Dear Mr Minovski,

I have been informed of the interference of management and possibly the government in trade union affairs in the energy company AD ELEM. This is not acceptable and we ask you to refrain from such actions.

The information we received from trade union colleagues indicates that the Members of the Management Board of Ad Elem and the directors of the subsidiaries are putting pressure on the unions in their companies to abandon the existing union (part of SEERI) and join another union, mostly active in education. This despite a history in which the union in the company has worked well, with a high-level of social dialogue and with collective agreements in place. It seems to me there is political interference in the union affairs. That violates as you will be well aware ILO and EU Standards.

We ask for you:

- To make a clear and unequivocal statement that the government of Macedonia will not interfere in trade union affairs;
- To support an independent inquiry possibly done with the support of the ILO and the European and global trade unions;
- To ensure that the premises are given back to the local unions and that the documentation be returned to it;
- To demand the management of the company (a public company) to respect the trade unions and to sit down with the unions and including in the subsidiaries to discuss the situation and find a solution that allows the function of the independent trade union and its activities, and so the union members and their representatives can do their work without being harassed for their union activities.

Please inform me as soon as possible. This will allow me to inform Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission correctly.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix: background note

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