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On behalf of the tens of thousands of members of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE), I am writing to congratulate FIOM-CGIL on your 125th anniversary.

Since your founding convention on June 16, 1901 in Livorno, FIOM has been a strong and militant voice for Italy's metalworkers. In addition to fighting for rights, wages, and safety in the workplace, FIOM has struggled valiantly for democracy, dignity, and social justice. The oldest and most representative industrial union in Italy, FIOM has been the political conscience of the working class. FIOM has always been on the side of workers and against fascism, fighting for an Italy founded on labor and not capital.

UE's partnership with FIOM initially developed out of efforts to coordinate against a multinational employer we had in common, General Electric. Since 2015, UE and FIOM have held numerous exchanges, attending each other's conventions and congresses and supporting each other in important struggles, including FIOM's recent national negotiations and UE Local 506's 2019 and 2023 strikes against Wabtec-Faiveley.

We are especially pleased to have been able to celebrate International Workers Day with FIOM in Chicago in 2022, assisting FIOM with placing a new plaque on the monument to the Haymarket Martyrs.

FIOM is, like UE, a union that is committed to aggressive struggle and to uniting the workers of the world. Long live FIOM! Long live international solidarity!

In solidarity,

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