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Международная федерация транспортников
التنظيم عالمياً، النضال من أجل حقوقنا

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Dear Sir

Acting in my capacity as Chairman of the Inland Navigation Section of the International Transport Workers' Federation I have learnt with great concern from my colleagues in the Centro de Patrones y Oficiales Fluviales, de Pesca y de Cabotaje Marítimo of the legislative proposal made by Deputy Gaston Harispe. The inland navigation unions have not been properly consulted on this matter and if implemented it would create a series of problems for inland navigation, in particular generating mass unemployment.

The inland navigation industry in your region is one of great importance but also one which is sensitive to the technical, social and employment asymmetries between the various countries. A law which does not take into account the defence of the inland navigation industry and its ability to compete whilst at the same time protecting, life, environment, property and decent working conditions for its workers is one which could permanently disturb the balance and future of an industry of great importance to your nation.

We have also been informed of another legislative initiative submitted by Deputy Martinez Campos which seeks to promote a specific regime aimed at the sustainable development of the industry.

We are of the opinion that all stakeholders in the industry should be properly consulted so as to ensure legislation which would not threaten but rather benefit and promote the inland navigation fleet under Argentinian flag, thus ensuring the protection of a vital national industry and of employment for Argentinian workers.

We therefore request you to give your keen attention to this pressing matter and at the same time offer our support, if required, in finding the best possible alternative for the protection and promotion of this strategic industry.

Yours sincerely

Chair, ITF Inland Navigation Section