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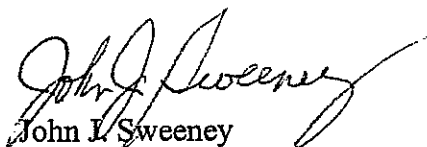
Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of over ten million working men and women of the AFL-CIO, and as an affiliate of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), I am writing to convey extreme dismay at the firing of three engineers at Yemenia Airways. Mohammed Omar Mo'mean, Abdullah Ahmad Qurwash, and Jamal Ali Masaud are all union officers in the Yemenia Engineers Association.

All three men are employees in good standing at Yemenia. We are alarmed that their dismissal appears to be due to their active union work on behalf of the Engineers Association. Such anti-union actions constitute a serious violation of workers' freedom of association. All workers have the right to form and join unions to defend their rights and promote improved working conditions, rights that are codified in the conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO). As a member of the ILO, it is Yemen's responsibility to abide by and respect these internationally recognized principles.

We urge you to investigate the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of these union activists, and to order their immediate reinstatement to their positions. I look forward to hearing from you on the resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,


John J. Sweeney
President