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Mr. Wang,

Regarding the arrests and detentions of a number of Shenzhen Jasic Technology Co., Ltd. workers and their supporters in Guangdong province on July 27 2018 and August 24 2018, we strongly condemn the abuse of state power to repress and prevent Chinese workers from pursuing their fundamental labour rights, including the rights to freedom of association.

Since July 27, 2018, at least twenty nine workers, including current and former Jasic Technology employees and workers from other workplaces who came to support them, were arrested and detained by the Pingshan police in Shenzhen, fourteen of whom are either remain in detention or cannot be contacted. Also, a staffer and the legal person of Dagongzhe, a Shenzhen-based labor NGO, were arrested and detained by the police. We would like to express our deep concern to their current conditions and query the legitimacy of their respective arrests. By establishing their own trade union to defend their labour rights in a lawful manner, the arrested workers are merely exercising their rights to freedom of association as guaranteed by Article 3 of the 1992 China Trade Union Law. Thus, such arbitrary arrests and detentions are blatant violations of their basic labour and civil rights.

The All-China Federation of Trade Unions, as a titular member of the Workers Group, International Labour Organization, should defend the ILO fundamental labour rights including workers' rights to freedom of association and rights to collective bargaining, as entrenched in the ILO Convention 87 and 98. We urge the ACFTU take immediate actions to:

1. Call on the Chinese Government to immediately release all the aforementioned arrested JASIC workers and to remove all restrictions placed on their personal freedom;
2. Respect and protect the aforementioned JASIC workers' rights to freedom of association;
3. Assist the aforementioned JASIC workers to establish a trade union of their own choosing.

Sincerely,

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