



## International Dockworkers Council

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### **IDC SUPPORTS TRIESTE DOCKERS' PROTESTS**

The International Dockworkers' Council would like to express its support to the dockworkers in Trieste, who have started strike action in protest the government's decision to force all workers to show the compulsory "covid-19 green pass" in order to work, requiring either vaccination, having recently overcome the disease or having tested negative in a test within the previous 48 hours.

We do believe that, although vaccination is a key element in the fight against the pandemic, making it compulsory undermines the freedom of workers to decide about their health.

We can only reject these dictatorial policies that go against the rights and freedom of choice of the people that have cost us so much time and effort to achieve.

Such a decision can seriously affect the livelihood of many families, including school children.

Although it is a decision that affects all workers, we would like to recall that dockers were one of the groups most exposed to Covid-19, working on the front line throughout the pandemic to keep the economy and supplies running, even at risk to their health.

We believe it is only fair that the government should not turn its back on them just when the pandemic is beginning to subside, especially if we consider that there are more than proven mechanisms for them to continue working and maintaining productivity as before.

Always united for the respect of workers' rights.

In solidarity,

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