



## Official Letter requesting the involvement of the Swedish Embassy

**Esteemed Ambassador Anneli Lindahl Kenny,**

I am writing to you on behalf of the trade union I represent and of all the other trade unions that stand by the same cause: decent wages for a decent living.

As you may be aware, the famous Swedish Company Electrolux has been under the spotlight lately due to the labor conflict they have failed to resolve with the Samus Trade Union.

The Electrolux Factory in Satu Mare employs around 800 people, out of which 420 have been on strike since March 4<sup>th</sup>.

This means that this is their 8<sup>th</sup> week of strike – time in which they have not been paid and their families have suffered the most. The suspension of the contract and the lack of payment is due to the Romanian legislation and this is something you cannot change.

What I believe you can do, however, is reach out to Electrolux and turn to any official or governmental means to draw attention onto this matter.

The Company's minimal involvement in this situation makes it seem like they are either not aware, or refusing involvement.

In either case, we find it in disagreement with the Social Dialogue Principle that they should sustain with the Trade union and to the employee wellbeing that both the Company and Sweden stand for.

If they truly stand for the true Swedish values, the same ones that your Embassy promotes via Social Media, if they stand for fair treatment of their employees and for a better life for them, then they should do more than be silent.

We expect Electrolux Sweden to engage in this crisis and to acknowledge the way the Satu Mare Factory's management is mishandling it.

As Swedish Ambassador in Romania, I believe that you can understand the cause we are supporting and help us reach a resolution through whatever means at your disposal.

Thank you!



Respectfully,  
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