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**ADDRESS**  
**To the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of the**  
**Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

On behalf of millions of Russian workers the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR) heartily salutes the Delegates of the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress and all members of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), and sincerely wishes the Congress and the LO fruitful deliberations in the interests of ensuring effective protection of legitimate rights of the working people of Sweden.

Being the oldest and largest national trade union center in Sweden, for almost 120 years your Confederation has been taking an active and constructive stance in relations with employers and the government, thus gaining a deserved prestige both in Sweden and on the international arena.

The foundation of the LO in 1898 gave a most important impetus to further political, economic and social transformations in your country.

As members of the International Trade Union Confederation, the LO and the FNPR are maintaining cooperation, seeking to deepen mutual understanding between trade unions and workers of Russia and Sweden.

Our trade union centers also actively collaborate in the frames of the "Baltic Sea Trade Union Network" (BASTUN). In this regard the FNPR is looking forward to the further constructive cooperation in this forum.

We firmly believe that the Swedish Trade Union Confederation, by implementing decisions taken at this Congress, will find, even in the current complicated situation of world crisis, real and effective ways for achievement of further unity of workers in their struggle for social progress, for consolidation and greater influence of trade unions in society.

Harboring sincere friendly feelings towards the workers and trade unions of Sweden, the FNPR assures you that Russian trade unions will henceforth make efforts to develop and strengthen constructive relations and cooperation with the Swedish Trade Union Confederation and its affiliates.

With fraternal trade-union greetings,

**Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia**