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The Arthur Svensson International Prize for Trade Union Rights of 2021 to BKDP

On behalf of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO-Norway) we would like to express our sincere congratulations to the independent trade union movement in Belarus, represented by the Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions (BKDP) and its affiliates for being awarded the Arthur Svensson Prize 2021.

LO-Norway is aware of the significant role BKDP and its affiliates have played in fighting for democracy and the fundamental trade union rights in Belarus. We are cognizant of your persistent work in promoting democratic rights by fearlessly fighting against injustice despite all the threats, harassments, police violence and imprisonment. We sincerely admire your courage.

The prize is an appreciation of the great importance of fighting for democracy and trade union rights and as such underlines the importance of the trade union as a driving force in the civil society and recognizes your crucial role in creating a society the serves the vast majority.

Respectfully yours,

**The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions**

**Peggy Hessen Følsvik**

**President**

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