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Brother  
Nabunaki Koga  
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Dear brother Koga-San,

We are following with utter shock and growing horror the video broadcasts about the earthquake and the tsunami catastrophe in Japan. The suffering of the people, the complete destruction of entire cities – this all is nearly unimaginable for us. And on top of this: the threat of radioactive contamination.

Please let me assure you, dear brother Koga-san, that the German unions and workers are feeling with you and the people of Japan in this hour of despair. We are mourning with the thousands of families who lost their loved ones in the disaster.

We Germans know, how difficult it is, to start anew after a catastrophe. But I am deeply convinced, that the proud people of Japan, as disciplined and creative as it is, will survive this tragedy and become stronger than before.

If we as German Trade Union Confederation can do something for RENGO and the organized workers in the disaster area, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Once again expressing my feelings of compassion and solidarity I stay

brotherly yours