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Mr Kirstjen M. Nielsen Hon'ble Secretary of Homeland Security Washington DC 20528

Dear Secretaries Tillerson and Nielsen:

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As General Secretary, George Mavrikos is the top most official of the WFTU, one of the two major worldwide worker's organisations and in that capacity he has to travel to different countries. He had visited Syria in that capacity, to address a conference of workers. He has applied for visa waiver to travel to the USA in that capacity, at the invitation of the United Union of Roofers Waterproofers and Allied Workers to speak at LABOR conference to be held in March in Los Angeles, California.

We request you to reconsider the decision and sanction the visa waiver to allow George Mavrikos to travel to the USA to attend the conference.

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