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Dear brothers and sisters,

Last week we were very shocked to hear that our sister Maria Aliyeva has passed away two months ago. We want to express our most sincere condolences to her family and loved ones. We wish them strength and consolation to get through this loss.

FNV has known Maria Aliyeva as a very strong leader, with great importance for organising women workers and as president of the Free Trade Union Movement of Belarus.

It is with pride we can mention Maria was the winner of FNV's Febe Elizabeth Velásquez- award in 1999 for her brave and outstanding work as a trade union leader under the repressive regime of Belarus. She is an example for the present leaders of the international and Belarus trade union movement, in the fight for workers- and human rights.

In solidarity,

Han Busker  
President FNV  
Netherlands