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**Yes to agreements from IF Metall's agreement council
Three-year agreement at a value of 6.5% and a special low-wage effort
Statement of support to the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union**



Agreement council says yes to the agreements

On Wednesday, 12 April 2017, the elected members of IF Metall's agreement council said yes to the national collective agreements that the employers and the Swedish Unions in Industry agreed on 31 March 2017.

Three-year agreement between 1 April 2017 to the end of 31 March 2020 with an agreement value of 6.5 per cent. In addition, a special low-wage effort is included for those who earn less than SEK 24,000 per month.

The negotiations have been tough and the demands have met extensive resistance among the industrial employers. It has been especially difficult in terms of the special low-wage effort. This is particularly clear now that the other LO unions are negotiating.

Support to the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union

The employers for the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union are now trying to throw a wrench into the agreement design – a design that provides the possibility for those with the lowest wages to get a little more in their wallets.

“The entire low-wage effort is an effort in solidarity with those who don't have the strong winds of the market forces at their backs,” says IF Metall's agreement council in a statement in support of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union's struggle for those with low wages.

“The industrial agreement sets the wage standard and should apply to the whole labour market,” continues the statement from IF Metall's agreement council.

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