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➤ To the ETUC Hungarian Affiliates

Defend Hungarian Public Services: Demonstration, 3 December

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the European Trade Union Confederation, and myself personally, please accept our full support for your demonstration on 3 December 2011 in support of the public sector in Hungary and in particular the sectors of health, education, social care, culture and public collections, public administration, and law enforcement.

The European social model relies on proper provision of such services and we join with the Hungarian trade union organisations who are rising in their defence. Our model also includes the full respect of social dialogue and freedom of association and of collective bargaining in all sectors of activity. These fundamental rights have been brought into question by the Hungarian authorities on numerous occasions. We urge them again to observe and fully implement their European and international obligations – wide breaches of which have been demonstrated most recently in an impartial study of the International Labour Organisation.

Dear colleagues, you can count on the unwavering support of the European trade union Movement. We wish you well in your action on 3 December.

With sororal and fraternal greetings,

Yours sincerely

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