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EPSU Support Letter

Dear Madam, Dear Sirs,

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), a recognised social partner at European level representing 8 million public and private service workers from over 275 trade unions, has been informed that the Croatian Government has been failing to fulfil its obligations towards the social dialogue, collective bargaining and workers rights.

The Croatian Government has now abandoned the good practice of social partnership relations built over the last decade, and turned its back on social partnership with a series of aggressive and unfriendly actions.

The EPSU is particularly concerned that the Croatian government at a moment that Croatia is entering the European Union, is endangering the principle of rule of law by not respecting the collective agreement that it has entered into. The government does not respect its obligation as employer towards its employees and their trade unions.

Therefore the EPSU supports its member organisation – Trade Union of Nurses and Medical Technicians of Croatia and other public service unions – in its protests and forthcoming warning strike against such governmental practices.

The EPSU will continue monitoring the further developments regarding violation of labour laws, the neglect of social dialogue and collective bargaining and will if necessary inform the relevant authorities of the European Union and affiliated unions.

Yours sincerely,



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