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Prime Minister of Hungary, Mr Viktor Orbán

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**Urgent letter of the European Trade Union Confederation on the "Draft law on the provisions related to the further simplification of the operation of the state"**

Dear Prime Minister of Hungary Mr Viktor Orbán,

I am contacting you to raise the concern of the European trade union movement about the draft law on the provisions related to the further simplification of the operation of the state.

The European Trade Union Confederation supports our affiliates' assessment that the draft provisions which discriminate against trade unions in the Public Sector are manifestly an act of anti-union discrimination and represent a serious violation of the rights of the workers and unions concerned.

The justification put forward for the measures is to reduce the administrative burden. However, it is clear that the measures will not reduce any administrative burden, contrary to the title of the proposed bill. In addition, allowing individual public sector employers the option of refusing automatic deduction of membership fees creates a new and significant additional administrative burden for public sector unions.

We therefore support the call for the immediate withdrawal of the draft and the launch of substantive negotiations, preferably within the framework of the National Public Service Interest Reconciliation Council (OKÉT). We recall that Governments must fulfil their responsibilities with regard to their role of employers in the consultation with trade unions and in full respect for the EU Social Acquis and International Labour Standards.

The ETUC is available to provide further information on the labour rights involved if requested.

Yours sincerely,

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