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Subject: Solidarity with the ETUCE member organisations F.E.CC.OO., FeSP-UGT and STEs-Intersindical in Spain

Dear colleagues,

ETUCE and its member organisations across Europe stand in solidarity with you and your affiliates for the education strike on 9 March 2017 in Spain.

F.E.CC.OO., FeSP-UGT and STEs-Intersindical are calling for the strike to demand the Spanish authorities to:

- repeal RD 14/2012 that leads to severe cuts in the Spanish education sector;
- withdraw the appeal to the Constitutional Court against the cessation of the LOMCE;
- repeal the LOMCE that fosters inequality in education and leads to segregation in Spanish society;
- reverse cuts in the education sector and improve education personnel's working conditions;
- guarantee collective bargaining on all issues affecting education personnel;
- involve education social partners in the negotiations on an Education Pact.

Together with students and parents in Spain, F.E.CC.OO., FeSP-UGT and STEs-Intersindical are protesting against unacceptable working conditions and unsustainable working environment in the Spanish education sector implying education personnel's precarious working conditions, low salaries or salaries that have been frozen for several years, large classroom sizes and dismissals. ETUCE supports you in your appeal to the Spanish government to respect and promote the rights of Spanish education personnel as well as in showing your strong commitment to the promotion of quality education for all.

ETUCE welcomes your strong engagement for quality education and education personnel's rights in Spain. Free and quality education for all is a cornerstone of a well-functioning, sustainable and prosperous society. It is evident that job insecurity and loss of employment in the Spanish education sector pose a severe threat to the future of the teaching profession in Spain and jeopardise the future of Spain's youth. ETUCE believes that without guaranteeing decent working conditions for education personnel and involving education social partners in decision-making, the delivery of high quality education is going to be compromised.

ETUCE stands firmly with you and all demonstrating people condemning the unacceptable conditions in the Spanish education sector and fighting for a better future for Spain, its education staff and youth.

ETUCE reminds the Spanish government that “[in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health](#)” as embedded in Article 9 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

ETUCE and colleagues from education trade unions across Europe wish you and all demonstrating people great success and a concrete outcome to build a constructive dialogue on with the Spanish government in the future.

In solidarity,



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