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OAJ comments to the Bureau's proposed By-Laws dated 17th March 2010

The OAJ, Trade Union of Education in Finland, supports the aim to bring the matter of the revised European By-Laws to a conclusion. This process has taken too long and we need to use our energy and resources on other issues of greater importance.

The OAJ considers that the revised proposal consists of many improvements compared to the earlier one. We want to especially point out the question of the ETUCE autonomy which has been clarified and is now acceptable. It is also good that the preamble has been removed from the context of the by-laws.

We think that it is important for the work of the ETUCE that the person responsible for matters regarding the European Union is accountable to the European teacher organizations. Therefore we suggest that serious consideration should be given to ETUCE's right to ultimately decide on the appointment of its' Regional Director. Since the appointed person also will be responsible for EIE matters we fully accept that the EI has to approve the appointment.

Conclusion

The OAJ thinks that it is necessary that the Committee discusses and takes a position on the comments above. In our opinion this situation must be resolved. We hope it is possible to bring this matter of the European By-Laws to a unanimous conclusion based on the Bureau's revised proposal.

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