Dear Ronnie,

Please accept this message as the response of ATL to your letter of 17 March 2010 to all member organisations in Europe about the revised European by-laws.

ATL notes that the draft by-laws circulated on 18 March represent a further attempt to create a unified structure of a form which can attract wide support. ATL also notes that the proposals contain a degree of autonomy for the European region greater than that enjoyed by other EI regions.

ATL strongly supports this draft as a compromise deserving of unanimous agreement. This is without prejudice to our preparedness to consider any further changes which may be proposed by affiliates and which are likely to attract wide support. ATL strongly desires a settlement of the by-laws issue with all speed since the current uncertainty has the danger of bringing EI Europe/ETUCE into disrepute with our membership.

I hope this response is helpful.

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