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Subject: Solidarity with ETUCE member organisation OZ PŠaV

Dear Colleagues,

The ETUCE stands in solidarity with you and expresses its full support to the members of the Trade Union of Workers in Education and Science of Slovakia, OZ PŠaV, and to all those who participate in your strike on 13 September 2012.

One year ago, over 10,000 education employees and supporters gathered at Slovakia's Office of Government asking your leaders to deliver on the government agenda in the area of education. Your demands to improve the dire situation in education have not been met. One year to the day, your union again takes the lead in the struggle to raise the status of education employees.

Your government's 2013 budget proposal – and the fiscal roadmap for 2014/15 – do not address the presently unsustainable situation in education. The ETUCE supports your demands of introducing a systematic increase in education funding. Your call for boosting real wages of teachers and education employees is fully justified and remuneration in education must be revised in the 2013 budget. We support your demands for improving the status of workers in education and your claim for teaching staff pay to reach between 120 and 200 per cent of average wage in Slovakia.

The Government of Slovakia must recognize the value of education and reconsider their allocation of resources even in times of crisis. The future of your country depends on high quality education. Those who secure this future – the teachers and education employees – must be encouraged in their efforts. Slovakia's 2013 education budget pays a disservice to your nation and shows a disregard for the teaching profession. Everyone – not just your members – should rise up against this injustice on 13 September 2012.

For the ETUCE,

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