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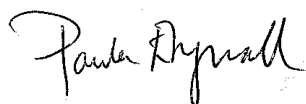
Dear Mr Prime Minister

On behalf of LÄRARFÖRBUNDET (Swedish Teachers Union) we hereby express our sympathy and solidarity with ESTU (The Education and Science Trade Union) in its struggle for dignity of teachers and respect for their trade union and human rights. It has come to our attention not only the plight of teachers in Moldova, with salaries below subsistence level, but also the limitations of ESTU's possibilities to exert its influence in a constructive dialogue with the Government.

The recent Global Monitoring Report (UNESCO) highlights the role of teachers for quality education, leading to benefits for the whole society. Governments interested in the future development of their societies should therefore step up efforts to support teachers and make sure all children have access to the education they deserve. We stand behind ESTU in solidarity for their efforts to improve the current situation.

Thank you for your consideration on this very serious matter.

Yours sincerely,  
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