

To the General Secretary of the European
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Dear General Secretary, dear Mr. Welle,

We have been informed about the conflict you have with the interpreters over unilaterally changing their working conditions and to make them work longer for the same pay.

We are astonished that you do not enter into negotiations with staff given that they have made a counter offer that includes considerable concessions on their part regarding their working hours. We support the demand of our affiliate USF and all other unions to respect the social dialogue, and call for negotiations with the recognised unions. Therefore we ask you to immediately come to the negotiating table with the unions to reach a fair deal that improves rather than worsens the working conditions of staff.

We do support the striking interpreters and we expect you to respect their right to industrial action and right to strike.

Yours sincerely,



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