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To: Mr Clifton Grima, Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation
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Cc: Mr Marco Bonnici, President of the Malta Union of Teachers, MUT
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Solidarity with the ETUCE member organisation MUT

Dear Minister,

The European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) represents 123 education trade unions, encompassing over 11 million teachers and other education personnel across all levels of education in Europe. As a recognised European Social Partner for education at the EU level and a European Trade Union Federation within the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), ETUCE stands as the European Region of Education International (EI), the global federation of education trade unions.

With this letter, ETUCE expresses its unwavering solidarity with its member organisation in Malta, the Malta Union of Teachers (MUT), and calls on the Maltese Government to continue negotiations with MUT.

ETUCE stands with the Malta Union of Teachers in its reasonable request for a fair and prompt resolution to the protracted negotiations at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.

The agreement for Malta's vocational post-secondary institutions that expired three years ago has yet to be renewed. Continuing to deprive educators of a renewed collective agreement after three years is cause for serious concern and is a clear indication that social dialogue is not being practiced.

MUT's cause for a renewed agreement is not only the cause of its members but also the cause of students. Professional respect for educators is an essential condition for quality in education provision, without which there cannot be an improved education service to students.

Agreements are reached through negotiation and ETUCE respectfully invites the Maltese Government to sort all remaining differences through negotiations and social dialogue.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and to support MUT and its members in this fight to ensure fair trade union representation and decent working conditions for education and academic staff in Malta.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Macgabhann', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John Macgabhann
ETUCE President