

To USF and SUEPO

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Dear Colleagues

I am sending you solidarity greetings from EPSU for the SUEPO industrial action next Tuesday, 22 March. We have been following the dispute in the EPO over several years now and hope that your latest action will ensure a restoration of fundamental rights and the suspension or reversal of major reforms detrimental to working conditions and staff's wellbeing.

We note the very high level of support for the action and the fact that SUEPO is determined to get the EPO to address the decisions of the International Labour Organisation that revealed the way in which management and particularly the former president had infringed the fundamental rights of the union.

We also note that in those difficult circumstances, management implemented major reforms that SUEPO says are detrimental to working conditions and staff well-being, including a new salary adjustment procedure that has caused a disastrous loss of employees' purchasing.

We very much hope that your action is a success and helps secure your key demands on fundamental rights, careers, the salary adjustment scheme and training.

Please keep us informed on developments. The exercise of all fundamental trade union rights across the public services and particularly in international bodies like the EPO need to be strongly protected and a successful outcome for SUEPO will be important news to share with our affiliates.

In solidarity,



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