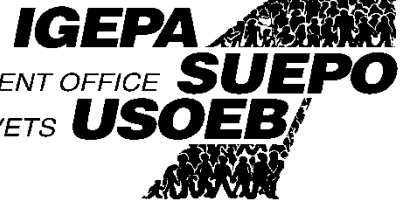


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## NEXT DEMONSTRATION

### Thursday 30 April



Starting at **12.30h** in front of **BT8**  
for a march (1.0 km) to the  
**Dutch Consulate**  
(Nymphenburgerstr. 20)

#### Why the Dutch consulate?

By imposing draconian restrictions on colleagues who are sick or invalid, the latest **health reform** offends staff fundamental rights such as freedom of movement and right to a private life. As a host country, the Netherlands has a special duty of care towards the 3000 staff members residing in The Hague.

**The Dutch delegation nevertheless voted in favour of these reforms.**

A **Dutch court** recently agreed with SUEPO's claim that the **strike regulations** introduced by Mr Battistelli infringe fundamental rights. Mr Battistelli reacted with fury and was quick to announce that the judgment was "neither legally admissible nor practically enforceable". The (then) Dutch Minister of Justice, Mr Opstelten, backed the President and blocked the implementation of the judgment. Last week Mr Battistelli informed us that the Dutch government will join the EPO in its attempt to overturn the judgment in the next instance ("cassation"). If so then **the Dutch government makes itself complicit in violating fundamental rights.**

*With this demonstration, we wish to protest against the attitude of the EPO and the Dutch government and remind them of their duty of care towards staff in the EPO.*

- The demonstration has been registered with the local authorities.
- The Dutch consul has agreed to meet a small party of SUEPO.