



To the member organisations of the ETUC
To the European trade union federations

Brussels, 2 November 2005

<p style="text-align: center;">Union action on 21 November 2005 in Brussels 'European Trade Justice'</p>

Dear Colleagues,

As announced at the last Steering Committee meeting in October, the ETUC has decided to join forces with the NGOs, the ICFTU and the Belgian trade union organisations, to organise a symbolic media action to mark the occasion of the meeting of the Trade Ministers in Brussels, at which the major theme will be the definition of the mandate of the Commission for the commercial negotiations of the WTO, to be held from 13 to 18 December 2005 in Hong Kong.

The objective is to be able to mobilise in Brussels a group of a minimum of 1000 people (between the ETUC and the NGOs).

The action is part of the GCAP (Global Call to Action Against Poverty), which started in 2004, and in which the ICFTU is involved.

Its main purpose is to show that the citizens of Europe are concerned at the questions of international trade, and anxious for the negotiations at the WTO to contribute to social justice.

Let me remind you that the European Textile, Leather and Apparel Federation is also planning a specific action the same day, and will then completely get involved with ours.

Progress of the action:

The action will take place on Monday 21 November 2005, between 9 am and 12.30 pm.

9 am - A bus (English bus) will leave Rond Point Schuman with representatives of the union organisations and the NGOs (70 people) and visit in turn the permanent representations to the EU of the three countries in the Troika (Luxembourg, the UK and Austria) to hand over a political message to them.

11 am – General gathering of all the demonstrators in front of the European Council (Justus Lipsius building– 175, rue de la Loi, 1048 Brussels).
Speeches by representatives from the unions and the NGOs.

12.30 – End of the action

There are also plans for a delegation, composed of representatives from the unions and the NGOs (10 people), to hand over a joint message to the Trade Ministers on 21 November before their dinner at 7 pm.

For further information on this action on 21 November 2005 in Brussels, you can contact me directly at the ETUC *on the following number: +32 2 224 05 83 / GSM : +32 475 67 40 67 or by email: amoreira@etuc.org.*

Kind regards,

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