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Dear brothers and sisters, dear workers in the Macedonian Court Administrations, dear President of UPOZ, dear Peco,

EPSU, Europe's largest federation of public service workers, expresses its support for the fight of the Macedonian workers in the Court Administrations for a decent pay and conditions. You and your union UPOZ have consistently pointed out that the law that was adopted in 2014 would have detrimental consequences for the court administration workers. Subsequent developments have proven you right. It can not be reasonably explained that judges and prosecutors get large salary increases up to 35%. The workers that provide them with support, you, do not benefit. This is unfair.

The strike you started on 18 May to improve pay and conditions of workers in the court administrations should not be ignored by the responsible Minister and government. Workers in public services deserve a pay increase.

The Minister as employer should not intimidate the workers which participate in the strike actions. It goes against the European and International standards also supported by Macedonia.

Dear brothers and sisters,

We wish you much success with the strike and with the demonstration 8 June. Please know that EPSU on behalf of 8 million public service workers and their 265 trade unions in all European countries stands with you.

In Solidarity

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