

STATEMENT

of the Presidium of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine

On 10 December 2013 the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine received an order of the State Executive Service of the Shevchenkivsky District Department of Justice issued to enforce the Decision of the Pechersky District Court requesting everybody to immediately leave the Trade Union House and banning entering or being in the building for any person except staff of the enterprise “FPU Economic Department” and security company.

Thereby the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine and more than 40 its member organisation are deprived of the possibility to perform their main function, protection of members’ rights and interests.

The Presidium of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine expresses its protest and states that the ban on entering and being in the Trade Union House for leaders and employees of the FPU, Kyiv Regional Trade Union Council, national sectoral trade unions hinders their legal activities and interaction with FPU bodies at all levels and actually paralyzes the work of trade unions.

At the same time it creates preconditions for uncontrolled use of the Trade Union House and threatens its preservation.

Moreover, the rights of trade union members to participate in trade union activity, to access freely trade union bodies are restricted that violates the Constitution of Ukraine, laws of Ukraine and ILO Conventions No 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise and No 98 on Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining, and makes impossible social dialogue.

The FPU Presidium informs the President of Ukraine, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, General Prosecutor’s Office and Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights about the real threat to trade union rights and possibility to carry out trade union activities and demands to urgently take measures to restore the normal activity of the FPU that organises over 8 million members.