

EPSU calls for the ratification of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention

(4 April 2011) The European Federation of Public Services Unions is sending this letter of support about the ILO Domestic workers Convention. We encourage all affiliates to use it to contact their Governments.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The International Labour Conference (ILC) of the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO) will meet in Geneva from 1 to 15 June 2011.

This special 100th session of the ILC is expected to mark history by adopting long overdue universal standards to promote decent work for domestic workers.

According to the ILO, there are over 100 million domestic workers in the world, many of whom are working in conditions alien to human dignity, and they are often exposed to various forms of abuses.

If adopted, the Convention and Recommendation, tabled to the ILC, will represent an unprecedented step to address basic human rights and decent work issues for this category of workers. The first call for standard-setting for domestic workers dates back to the International Labour Conference in 1948.

We trust that you will want the delegates representing the government of our country at that landmark event to be fully supporting the elaboration and the adoption of the proposed Convention and Recommendation for domestic workers.

We would therefore appreciate if you could give instruction to that effect to our government delegates, and we can already assure you of our full support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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