

Unions welcome central government agreement

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The three main trade unions representing workers in ministries and agencies - FP-CGIL, CISL-FP and UIL-PA - have welcomed the new agreement signed on 23 December that marks the end of almost nine years of a freeze on collective bargaining. Covering around 250000 employees, the agreement re-establishes the importance of the role of the trade unions and collective bargaining and implements the basic pay provisions set out in the public sector framework deal agreed at the end of 2016. The central government agreement has a wide range of provisions on leave, including extra leave for women who are victims of violence, study leave rights for temporary workers and improved rights to training. There are also measures to tackle precarious work, to deal with stress and burnout and to retain the 36-hour working week.

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