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Dear Colleagues,

With the world focused on the horrible murders and injuries in Barcelona and Cambrils, the people in Finland witnessed the knife attack in Turku, Friday afternoon 18 August 2017. 2 women were killed and 6 women and 2 men were injured. As in Barcelona among those injured were people from other places in Europe.

Police are treating the attack as an act of terrorism. We condemn the acts of terror.

Our thoughts are for the families, friends and communities of those killed and injured.

On behalf of EPSU I express our sympathy and solidarity with you and the people in Finland. We applaud the courageous behavior of those who intervened, those who helped and assisted the people wounded and shocked. Public services workers, police, security forces, medical staff, firefighters and many others responded providing the security and care needed. I feel very sad that another city in another country has been added to a growing list of places that experienced terror. We can take our inspiration from the people coming together to reject such barbaric acts across our work places, countries, cultures and religions. We can be proud of the people standing up to the racism and discrimination that were a reaction to the attack.

With you we will continue our work for social justice, for democracy, tolerance and peace.

In Solidarity

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