

Standing Committee of Health and Social Services of European Public Service Unions (EPSU)

### **Solidarity Message to Health and Social Services Workers in Myanmar**

Dear Brothers and Sisters  
Health and Social Services Workers in Myanmar,

We are sending our solidarity message to support your struggle against the military coup and your fight to bring back democracy. We stand with you and with all people of Myanmar, and strongly condemn the Commander-in-Chief, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and other military leaders responsible for the takeover from the 1 February.

We express our utmost support for your protests and strike actions. Your demonstrations have shown the international community the importance of the health and social service professionals, not only in protecting the health of citizens but also in standing at the forefront of protecting democracy and the fundamental rights in Myanmar and the globe.

We are deeply moved that the health workers were the first ones to fight against the coup, when on the day after the state of emergency was declared, your colleagues from 70 hospitals put down their tools to start the protest. They gave the example of bravery to other workers who followed suit.

From our side we do the most to support your struggle in our countries, and to isolate the Myanmar military leaders. We need to ensure that 30 years of previous military dictatorship will not be repeated, and your democratically elected representatives can peacefully and legitimately govern.

We pay tribute and our respect to those of your colleagues and family members who lost their lives in the protest against the military dictatorship. They will be never forgotten, and we deeply believe that their sacrifice will contribute to bringing back democracy to Myanmar.

You can always rely on our support and solidarity.

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