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THE UK COALITION GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PLANS –

"TOO FAST, TOO MUCH" SAYS THE ETUC

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**European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC]
Confédération européenne des syndicats [CES]**

Speaking today in Belfast at the conference of the Labour Relations Agency of Northern Ireland, John Monks, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, said that

"The austerity plans of the UK Coalition Government to repay debt are too harsh. They are paying back too much debt, too quickly. They risk killing off jobs and growth in regions of the UK like Northern Ireland which are heavily dependent on the public sector. Other European Governments share the same fetish for austerity and they are on course to plunge Europe back into recession.

"They should change their course, listen to the voice of the workers on the streets of Brussels, Spain and elsewhere on September 29 and go for growth and jobs. They should be like President Roosevelt and his New Deal, not President Hoover and the Great Depression."

The ETUC exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 82 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 12 industry-based federations.

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