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EUROPEAN TRADE UNION DAY OF ACTION ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2010 100 000 WORKERS TO DEMONSTRATE IN BRUSSELS

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The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), in reaction to the austerity measures in force in a number of European countries, is sponsoring a major European mobilisation on 29 September, with support from all its member organisations. Around 100 000 people are expected to take to the streets in Brussels and protest actions will also be held in different European countries.

A major day of action organised by the European trade union movement will be held on 29 September. Delegations coming from about 50 trade unions and representing 30 countries will march in the streets of Brussels to protest against austerity measures. Employees cannot be the only ones to pay for the irresponsible speculation of certain financial institutions. In parallel with the Euro-demonstration in Brussels, a general strike will be held in Spain and protest movements are planned in Portugal, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Cyprus, Romania, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Serbia, France and Ireland. The effort of the trade union organisations is focused on the Euro-demonstration in Brussels, which will include a strong presence of Belgian trade unions, but also delegations from France, Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Romania, the United Kingdom, Norway, etc. The European industry federations will also participate in the Euro-demonstration.

ETUC General Secretary John Monks commented: "On 29 September, we will demonstrate to voice our concern over the economic and social context, which will be compounded by austerity measures. We are particularly alarmed over unemployment and rising inequalities. To cope with increasing precariousness, priority must be given to quality jobs. This is the message that we intend to transmit to European Commission President Mr Barroso and the current President of the EU Council Mr Leterme, whom we will meet after the demonstration."

Call to demonstrate: http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf_Tracte_A4_EN_DEF4.pdf

Link to the page dedicated to the European Day of Action: <http://www.etuc.org/a/7407>

Information for the press: http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/INFORMATION_LA_PRESSE_EN.pdf

To get an overview of the actions run at national level in the framework of the European Action Day:
<http://www.etuc.org/r/1594>

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) speaks 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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