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ETUC GENERAL SECRETARY TO TAKE PART IN SPANISH ANTI-AUSTERITY DAY ON 19 JULY

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Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), will take part in the Spanish day of action on Thursday, 19 July, against the new austerity measures announced on 11 July. The ETUC is intent on showing solidarity with the workers and citizens of Spain who are continuing to pay a heavy price for the crisis.

"The austerity measures have shown that they make the employment situation worse and have impoverished a large part of the population. Often unfair, they solve nothing and open up no prospects for the future. Nevertheless, some countries are continuing along this line, as is the case in Spain today. The announced cuts in public spending are increasing social anxiety in a country already deeply scarred by austerity policies. That is why I shall be at the side of our Spanish member organisations to demonstrate the solidarity of the European Trade Union movement", declared the General Secretary of the ETUC.

The European Trade Union Confederation (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 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 10 industry-based federations.

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