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On 8 March 2013, International Women's Day (IWD), women worldwide will again demand for a basic, but yet fundamental right: equality between women and men. On this important occasion, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) warns that women are paying a double price for the crisis. Time has come for a real change of direction.

Claudia Menne, ETUC Confederal Secretary, said: *"Women are paying a double price for the crisis: they are suffering along with all other workers from the austerity measures, and they are also paying the price for the lack of political will to address the gender dimension of the crisis. We call on the European Union and its Member States to urgently address the gender dimension of the crisis and to deliver on concrete measures to secure gender equality."*

On the occasion of the International Women's Day 2013, the ETUC published a political statement which is available at the following address:

http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/ETUC_St...

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