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- Dr. Dalia Grybauskaitė  
President of the Republic of Lithuania
- Ms Loreta Graužiniene  
Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mr Algirdas Butkevičius  
Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Lithuania

By e-mail (cc: LPSS)

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Brussels, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

Dear President,  
Dear Prime Minister,  
Dear Ms Graužiniene

#### **ITUC Solidarity with LPSS Protest Actions on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

On behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 176 million workers in 161 countries and territories and has 325 national affiliates, I would like to express to you our full support for the demands made by our affiliate LPS Solidarumas and call on you to reconsider the austerity policies in the public sector, to increase the wages of employees in the education sector, and to respect social dialogue and the right to strike.

The Lithuanian Trade Union "Solidarumas", together with the Lithuanian Education Employees' Trade Union, are organising a protest rally on the 3rd of December 2014. On 2 December, teachers will strike because of neglect of demands that were presented to the Ministry of Education and Science by the Joint Representation of the Lithuanian Education Trade Unions back in June 2014. The protests are in response to the low level of salaries, the growing gap between rich and poor in the country, the increase in taxes, disregard of the demand of employees working in the education sector, and lack of social dialogue.

We call on the government of Lithuania to re-engage in genuine dialogue with the unions representing education sector employees with a view to finding sustainable solutions to the demands that have been raised. Education workers are the backbone of any society and they should have decent and safe labour conditions, full recognition of their rights, including collective rights, and respect for their work and social role.

Yours sincerely,

Sharan Burrow  
General Secretary

