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To:

Mr Vasile Tofan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
Mr Dan Perciun, Minister of Education and Research
Ms Victoria Belous, Minister of Finance
Mr Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

ETUCE Solidarity with the Education and Science Trade Union Federation of the Republic of Moldova (FSEȘ)

Dear Prime Minister,
Dear Ministers,
Dear President of the Parliament,

On behalf of the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE), representing 120 education trade unions in 48 countries and 4.9 million teachers and education personnel across Europe, we wish to express our full solidarity with the Education and Science Trade Union Federation of the Republic of Moldova (FSEȘ) and the education workers it represents.

ETUCE has been informed of the concerns raised by FSEȘ regarding the implementation of previously announced commitments to increase the salaries of teachers, researchers, and other education personnel from 1 September 2026. According to FSEȘ, the failure to honour these commitments risks further widening existing pay disparities and aggravating staff shortages already affecting the education sector in Moldova.

Teachers and education personnel are at the heart of quality education systems. Ensuring fair remuneration, attractive career prospects, and decent working conditions is essential to retaining qualified education staff and attracting future generations to the profession. Across Europe, education systems face increasing recruitment and retention challenges, making investment in education personnel more important than ever.

ETUCE recognises that the protest action by FSEȘ on 19 August 2026 is a legitimate expression of trade union concerns regarding the situation of education workers and their working conditions. We stand in

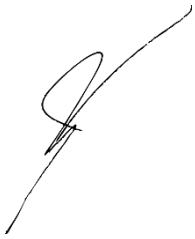
solidarity with FSEȘ and its members as they exercise their democratic and trade union rights to make their voices heard.

We had the pleasure of welcoming minister Perciun to the InclEdu4AllNeeds final conference in Moldova earlier this year, which ETUCE co-organised with FSES and we were very impressed by the open dialogue with the minister. We respectfully call on the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to continue to engage in constructive and meaningful social dialogue with FSEȘ and to work towards fulfilling the commitments made to education workers. Respect for social dialogue and collective bargaining is a fundamental principle of democratic societies and a necessary condition for building resilient and inclusive education systems.

We further stress the importance of adequate investment in public education and in the teaching profession, in line with international commitments and recommendations aimed at ensuring quality education for all and decent working conditions for education personnel.

ETUCE stands in solidarity with FSEȘ and all education workers in Moldova in their efforts to secure fair pay, decent working conditions, and strong public education. We trust that the concerns raised by FSEȘ will receive serious consideration and that constructive dialogue will lead to a positive and sustainable resolution.

Yours sincerely,



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