To UK affiliates participating in the 10 July strike

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

#J10strike: PSI solidarity with local government staff

On behalf of Public Services International and its 20 million members, I want to assure you of our full solidarity and support for public service workers in the UK who are striking for fair pay this Thursday 10 July. We know that hundreds of thousands of public service jobs have been needlessly cut, and that remaining workers are stretched to the limit. To make matters worse, these workers are in low-wage, part-time jobs earning less than a Living Wage of £7.65 an hour.

We are proud of the work of your unions and your members to fight the policies of this government, which manipulates the ongoing financial crisis to denigrate and degrade public services and force many more workers into hardship, while allowing company bosses and bankers to reward themselves immensely.

Workers and trade unions must take the lead in stopping the growing inequality which is poisoning our countries. It requires the vision and bold action which UK unions are demonstrating. Your struggles will be shared with all PSI unions across the world, who respect your courage and leadership.

We support UNISON, GMB, PCS, Unite and FBU during this day of strike, and for the further industrial actions that may be necessary. It is time for the UK government to recognise the value of these workers, to fund Local Councils so they can pay decent wages, to stop senseless cuts and enable your members to deliver quality public services to all.

In solidarity,

Rosa Pavanelli
General Secretary