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Appeal for assistance - Ukraine

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached an appeal for assistance from our Ukrainian member organisations.

We have all followed the dramatic events in Ukraine. EPSU and PSI have several affiliates in Ukraine. The EPSU regional office is based in the trade union house located on the Maidan square, that hosted many protestors during the past months. During hostilities with the police, the Trade Union House caught fire and burned down. The offices of the Confederation, the national unions and the EPSU regional office were destroyed.

EPSU and PSI will directly contribute to the restoration of the trade union premises. In addition, we call on you to make donations. This will help the unions to quickly reclaim their national head offices so as to be in a position to live up to the many challenges they are faced with, bearing in mind that the new government is not necessarily pro-trade union.

The economic situation is very bad, and there is a risk that many workers lose their jobs.

You will find a bank account number for donations in the enclosed letter. All contributions are welcome.

We are counting on your solidarity!

Rosa Pavanelli, PSI General Secretary

Jan Willem Goudriaan, EPSU Deputy General Secretary

Appendix: letter from affiliates in Ukraine