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To all PSI affiliates

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**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE (ILC)
Geneva, Switzerland, 4-20 June 2013**

Dear Colleagues,

In one week the International Labour Conference will begin, with two important weeks of activities to follow. We demand a renewed commitment of governments towards meaningful social dialogue in the public sector and full recognition of the essential role that the public sector plays in social and economic recovery. PSI and our affiliates will generate impact through our joint work in the committees, meetings with governments and events inside and outside the United Nations Office.

Collective Bargaining in the public service

For the first time in more than 30 years, collective bargaining in the public sector has been reviewed by the ILO. The ILO Survey on the Collective Bargaining in the public sector will be presented on 6 June. On 7 June the Committee on the Application of Standards will adopt the outcome of the discussion. The Officers of the CAS will report to the Committee on the recurrent discussion on social dialogue on 8 June. PSI delegates will take the floor during these discussions to make sure that our voice is heard.

Committee on Application of Standards

The list of 25 countries to be discussed will be finalized by 5 or 6 June. We are confident that the majority of PSI priority cases will be included in this list. For each country a working group will be set up and PSI will coordinate with its affiliates and the Workers' Group.

Sustainable Development, Decent Work and Green Jobs

The right for water and the fight against its privatization is one of PSI's biggest battles. All too often, green jobs are supposed to be created in so-called public-private partnerships models that typically benefit private interests with public funding. PSI will stand up for sustainable development that goes hand in hand with public management of our natural resources.

Preparatory meetings – 4 June

10:00 – ITUC preparatory meeting, ILO Room II

14:30 – Full Workers' Group Meeting, Palais des Nations, room XIX.

Coordination meeting for all PSI Delegates – 5 June, 13:00–14:30, ILO Room XI

(Interpretation in English, French and Spanish)

The Route of Shame – 12 June, 18:30–20:30

PSI invites you to join the “Route of Shame”, a bicycle ride to protest in front of the Permanent Missions in Geneva of countries that violate trade union and labour rights. We will pass by the missions of Russia, South Korea, Canada, Nigeria, Iran, Paraguay, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Cameroon, Botswana, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Mauretania and Greece. Through this action we show solidarity and honour the millions of workers around the world who struggle for the protection of their rights. **Bicycles will be provided for ILC delegates.**

More information here :

<http://www.world-psi.org/en/route-shame-bicycle-ride-social-justice>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheRouteOfShame>

PSI parallel event:

Public Finance Control and Anti-Corruption Strategies forum

13 June, 13:00–14:30, Palais des Nations, Room XII

(Interpretation in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Korean)

Ending corruption requires public and political organising to demand that political leaders represent public interests, not the interests of rich individuals and powerful companies, and to hold them accountable. Public Services International union leaders will speak about their respective struggles to combat corruption and advance quality public services for the common good.

Please contact Sandra.Vermuyten@world-psi.org (tel +33617462556) if you have any further questions.

IMPORTANT: Please let us know if you will attend the ILC, but are not yet on our consolidated list of participants.

We look forward to meet you in Geneva and to report on this important activity.

In solidarity,



Rosa Pavanelli
General Secretary