

**Greek Primary Teachers Federation, DOE
Federation of Secondary State School Teachers of Greece, OLME**

Athens, 19/4/07

To: ETUCE/EI (Pan European Structure) Bureau

**Cc: European Educational Trade Unions
and members of the E.B. ETUCE/EI (Pan European Structure)**

Dear Colleagues,

Regarding the participation of our organizations DOE and OLME in the sectoral social dialogue seminar in Malta on the 20th of April, we would like to state the following:

Greek educational organizations decided, unanimously, not to participate to the Malta seminar protesting against the decision of the Bureau of the ETUCE/EI, to impose, substantially, the exclusion of Cyprus from the seminar, by asking from the organizations of the Greek – Cypriots to accept the participation of the Turkish – Cypriots employers and most of that, in an independent seminar only for Cyprus.

We are truly wondering for this decision, because continuously ETUCE and E.I. have declared that they are accepting the status acknowledged by the European Union.

So, on behalf of the employer's side, in the case of Cyprus, only the formal Ministry of Education of the Cypriot Republic ought to be invited. There should not be, in any case, acknowledgement and invitation, even on an indirect manner, to authorities that are not acknowledged by a formal international organization.

Our present statement, is not questioning, in none case, the right to participation of our Turkish – Cypriot colleagues and of their trade unions, whom are considered from the Greek organizations, as we mentioned above, colleagues, friends and co – fighters.

The Greek organizations are, also strongly protesting for the behavior of ETUCE's bureau because:

- a) did not accept, the discussion of the above issue in the plenary session of the E.B. in order to be decided, as requested from the Cypriot representative
- b) the Chairman, denied the right to speech to the Greek organizations representative, by saying that “we have already decided on the issue”

For the Executive Boards of DOE and OLME

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