



Unione Sindacale di Base

NOTE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS OF ITALY

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The National Federation of Unions of Workers in Public and Social Functions (FNSTFPS) of Portugal expresses its full solidarity with the struggle of Italian firefighters and their trade union organizations, who are recurrently facing a grave offensive against their union rights for the mere fact of exercising them.

The Federation follows with concern the reports, received through the USB, of persecution carried out by the Italian Ministry of the Interior against professionals who, in the exercise of their right to strike and freedom of expression, demonstrated against the genocide in Palestine and in defense of peace.

In Defense of Dignity and the Right to Protest

It is unacceptable that workers who dedicate their lives to the rescue of populations are targeted with disciplinary proceedings for expressing their humanitarian convictions. The attempt to prevent these professionals from protesting as firefighters—by banning the use of their symbols and uniforms—constitutes an attempt to erase their social and political identity.

The FNSTFPS stands in solidarity with the struggle of Italian firefighters' unions against:

Trade Union Repression: The use of sanctions to intimidate those who defend human and labor rights.

The Militarization of the Profession: The rejection of any government attempt to transform firefighters into "public order" agents, diverting them from their primary mission of civil protection and humanitarian relief.

The Diversion of Resources: The prioritization of investment in weaponry to the detriment of the working conditions and safety of those who save lives.

InternationalistUnity

Attacks on trade union rights in any European country represent a threat to all public service workers. The FNSTFPS reaffirms that the freedom of organization and the right to demonstrate are inalienable and must be respected without reservation.

We join the internationalist voice in demanding the immediate cancellation of all disciplinary proceedings and respect for the autonomy and dignity of the firefighter profession in Italy.

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