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*The Latvian Public service and Transport*

*workers trade union LAKRS stands in full solidarity*

*with Estonian Trade Union Confideration (EAKL)*

From The Latvian Public service and Transport workers trade union LAKRS we would like to express our deep concern and full solidarity with your unions and the Estonian workers and labour movement. We regret to hear about the alarming developments in Estonia; they represent a serious setback for social dialogue and the fundamental role of trade unions in democratic societies. Social dialogue – with the full involvement of trade unions – along with strong collective agreements and collective bargaining, are essential pillars of a fair and just society. Any attempt to undermine them must be firmly and collectively opposed.

We support the demands of Estonian Trade Union Confideration (EAKL) for the Estonian Government to:

• restore meaningful tripartite social dialogue at the national level;

• publicly support the development of collective bargaining in the public and private sectors;

• withdraw the proposed amendments to the Employment Contracts Act and fully engage in new tripartite negotiations.

The Latvian Public service and Transport workers trade union LAKRS stands in full solidarity with EAKL and the workers of Estonia.

Best regards

Chairman of the Board Inga Vejina

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