

JOINT DECLARATION

The representatives of the Polish, Czech, Slovakian, Bulgarian, Greek, Slovenian, Austrian, Croatian, Serbian and Hungarian postal trade unions took part in a meeting in Budapest on 29-30 January 2009.

The gathering was organised by the Hungarian Postal Trade Union within the scope of the National Social Dialogue. Members of the UNI Post and Logistics Steering Committee also took part in the event.

Also welcomed at the event were: dr. László Herczog under-secretary; dr. Gábor Szabolcs Kőrösi head of department responsible for transport, telecommunications and energy, dr. Zita Gurmai and Edit Herczog, EU MP; László Kordás Head of Social Dialogue Center Ildikó Szűts, Magyar Posta CEO, Dr. Botond Szebeny, Magyar Posta 's director for international affairs; Clemens Rode, FES.

The union representatives of the participating countries praised the role of UNI Post and Logistics in the political debate in connection with the 3rd European Union Postal Directive. They made it clear that due to the work of UNI Post and Logistics and of its member organisations they were successful in preventing immediate, politically motivated market liberalisation in opposition to the intentions of the EU Parliament and the EU Commission. From this aspect the achieved target date of 2011-2013 can be viewed as a success.

The trade union representatives of the various countries reported on the postal political situation in their own countries and also regarding the realisation of the 3rd European Union Postal Directive as a national law.

It was not possible to clear up numerous questions deriving from the realisation of the 3rd European Union Postal Directive. So the question as to how the comprehensive universal service covering the entire territory should be financed remained completely open. In many countries there are no regulations covering the exclusion of wage and social dumping from the postal sector.

The participants at the meeting were informed of the status of the liberalisation currently taking place in the EU member states, of the regulatory prescriptions and the competition rules. The information obtained will be used to promote learning from the bad experiences and, at the national level, and to promote being able to keep track of the good practical solutions originating from other countries.

The participating union representatives discussed the requirements in connection with the new bidders entering the market, the social development of competition, the development of the new competitor's network access, the provision of the universal service, and the area of movement that the postal companies have in pricing.

In the autumn of 2008, first of all, the financial sector all over the world fell into deep crisis. In the meanwhile the crisis has reached the real economy as well. The neo-liberal economic philosophy according to which the market would regulate itself has fallen apart. Greed and uninhibited interest in profit have swept numerous companies and states to the edge of the precipice.

The participating union representatives announce that a debate should be initiated about how to redefine the role of the state in economic policy. A foreseeable state economic

policy must be ensured in the postal sector so that a postal service can be provided to all citizens at affordable prices covering all territories, to protect jobs and prevent wage and social dumping.

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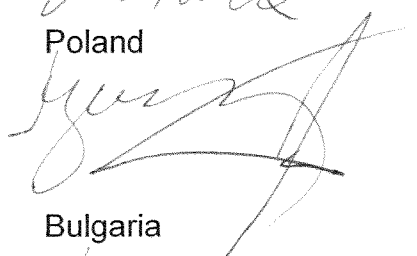
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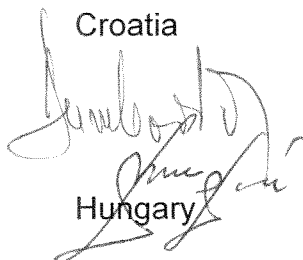
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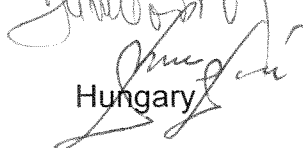
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