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Dear members of the Serbian Government,

We write to you in order to express the concern of UNI Global Union regarding the exclusion of our members from the national social dialogue lead by the Socio-Economic Council as well as the potential privatization of Telekom Srbija.

UNI Global Union is the services sector international trade union federation. It gathers 20 million workers and 900 unions from more than a hundred countries around the world. Among its branches is the telecom sector I lead.

Some of our goals are to promote the social dialogue involving governments, companies and trade unions, the global framework agreements signature with multinational corporations and to intervene in the international institutions.

For this reason we regard with concern that our affiliate JSTS and its national trade union confederation KSS –that represent 180,000 workers– don't have a place in the Serbian Socio-Economic Council.

We believe that they have a very important role to play in the enforcement of the International Labour Organization Conventions and Recommendations and to contribute to national development and social justice in Serbia.

Regarding the potential privatization of Telekom Srbija, our concerns are based on the dominant characteristics of similar processes in Central and Eastern Europe and more specifically in the former Yugoslavia countries.

Without exception the national telecom companies' privatizations had meant massive layoffs, the casualization of employment and the generalization of outsourcing, with negative consequences for workers and consumers.

We believe that the Serbian government has the chance to learn from its neighbours' experiences and not to make the same mistakes. We would like to further discuss these ideas with you, therefore we offer to visit you at a date to coordinate.

Yours sincerely,

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