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TO: FEDERAZIONE LAVORATORI DELLA CONOSCENZA CGIL (FLC-CGIL/Italy)

Solidarity on the occasion of your national strike on 31 October!

Dear Colleagues,

On the occasion of your 31 October 2024 national strike, I extend to you greetings of solidarity on behalf of 33 million members in 178 countries across the globe.

In doing so, let me be clear, your struggle for decent professional pay and secure work is our struggle and that of every educator around the world.

In far too many countries we are seeing governments attack our noble profession. But similarly, in many more countries we are fighting back under the banner of our flagship global campaign *Go Public! Fund Education* demanding that governments invest in teachers, invest in education; demands supported by the recommendations of this year's United Nations report on the teaching profession.

Entirely consistent with your demands, the UN report's recommendations call on governments to ensure competitive, fair and professional salaries. They also call on governments to end the use of contract teachers.

The recommendations are also clear that policies in education should be developed with teacher unions at the table. And, yes, the report even reaffirms the right to strike.

Let me end with a message to your government. In the words of the *UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, "just as teachers support us all, it's time to support teachers."*

Solidarity!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Edwards', written in a cursive style.

David Edwards
General Secretary