

# Union des Finanzpersonals in Europa

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Open letter to Mr BARROSO

Paris, 22 December 2011

Dear Mr President,

in my capacity as the President of the Union of Finance Personnel in Europe (which joins more than 350,000 members in 20 European countries), I consider it my obligation to “address” you concerning the high risks of a decline of the fundamental rights in regards to the execution of the union rights and the impairment of the freedom of expression of the union activists.

Today, Europe is shaken by financial, economic and social crises, which affect the entire population, in particular, however, the employees of all member states.

In this connection, the member organisations of UFE face numerous attacks on their fundamental right of freedom of opinion and the execution of their union work.

Trade unions, their campaigners and members have always been an important link in the chain of democracy, its day-to-day implementation in practice, and its development in a world of progress, freedom and peace.

As guarantors for the individual and collective interests of the employees and officers of the fiscal and customs authorities, the member unions of UFE attach high importance to protecting social and union rights, which they fought for long and hard.

The “founding fathers” of Europe implemented a first and strong pursuit, the one of permanent peace between the nations, an indispensable prerequisite for social progress for all men and women in Europe and the world.

*“The true people of progress are those having deep respect of the past”*, explained philosopher E. RENAN.

Recently, various projects announced by certain governments of several member states of the European Union aimed at restricting the right to strike (constitutional law) as well as other means of expression of the employees of fiscal authorities, even eliminating them.

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UFE condemns such anti-democratic degenerations in a time, which is decisive for the future of Europe, a Europe of freedom and social peace.

Today, at the beginning of 2012, I would like to express the wish that you, Mr President, appreciate the significance and urgency, that there must be a response to our growing concern.

Dear Mr President, please allow me to emphasise that it is absolutely indispensable for the European Union, that with your voice and your expression of opinion, there is a reminder that all member states are unconditionally bound to all rights and institutional protective provisions, which guarantee the reality of a Europe, which is even freer, more just and shows more solidarity.

I will be at your disposal for any exchange you consider relevant to deal with these serious subjects.

Yours sincerely,

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