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Dear José Carlos Martins

I am writing to send you solidarity greetings on behalf of EPSU for your industrial action today in private hospitals and for the broader action across public administration that you will be joining on the following day (17 March).

We strongly support your demands in private hospitals for a 35-hour week without loss of pay, a 10% pay increase, 25 days' holiday, a higher meal allowance and increased compensation for unsocial hours. All these will help ensure that health workers are appropriately awarded and can better cope with the cost-of-living crisis. They are also steps towards addressing staffing shortages across the sector.

We similarly endorse the main demands across public administration for a 10% pay increase, a €800 minimum wage and action to defend and strengthen collective bargaining rights and reduce precarious employment.

We very much hope your action is widely supported and puts pressure on the government and the private hospitals to deliver on your demands.

In solidarity



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EPSU General Secretary