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Dear comrades,

On behalf of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), we extend our solidarity and support to the nurses working in institutions represented by the Portuguese Private Hospitalization Association (APHP) as you embark on another strike action.

We recognize the importance and urgency of your demands for a Collective Bargaining Agreement that ensures regulated working hours, a 35-hour workweek, increased salaries, and fair compensation for overtime and shift work. The workers turnout for the May 24th strike demonstrated the determination of private sector nurses to achieve these crucial goals.

This struggle is not just a national issue; it resonates across Europe. Nurses and healthcare workers in many countries face similar challenges and are fighting for better working conditions and fair compensation. Recently, nurses from Vardförbundet in Sweden, an EPSU affiliate, achieved significant success in reducing working hours as a result of their strikes and actions. Your fight is emblematic of a broader European movement toward ensuring dignity, respect, and fair treatment for all healthcare professionals.

Know that you do not stand alone. Colleagues across Europe and beyond stand in solidarity with you, united in the fight for fair treatment and recognition of the invaluable contributions of workers. Together, we will continue to advocate for a fair and just workplace for all.

Success.

In solidarity,

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