

To all Hungarian affiliates

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Dear Colleagues,

Stop Adoemeles

We support your demands for the government to sit down with the trade unions and negotiate about its proposals to tax workers' bonuses.

For many workers these bonuses are an important part of their income and so the tax is effectively a pay cut. We wish you every success for your demonstration on 6 November.

I also use this opportunity to support the public service unions in their dismay over the government's announcement that it plans to cut around 3000 jobs in public administration. Again there has been no discussion with the trade unions. We expect these cuts will hurt the provision of services and undermine the regulation of the corporate sector. Many workers now live in anxiety about their future employment and income as the government has provided little detail on the cuts. The announcement reflects the government's bias against working women and men.

The government should engage in real dialogue rather than trying to impose its decisions on the unions.

We wish you much success.

In Solidarity,



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