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Slovenia's unsettled debt to its public employees

Respected,

the Syndicate of soldiers of Slovenia, as a representative syndicate in the military professions of soldier, non-commissioned and officer and the defense activity that represents the employees of the Slovenian armed forces, inform you of Slovenia's unsettled debt of 194 million EUR to public employees of the whole public sector. The debt originates from the unpaid part of public employees' payments between October 2010 and May 2012 when the country deliberately refused to settle its obligations to its employees, which were past the expiration date. The country has only just admitted to the debt this spring based on multiple judgements from Slovenian courts in collective labour disputes that have been executable for more than 6 months.

The government of the Republic of Slovenia intends to propose a new law, which is not coordinated with social partners, to the parliament. The Syndicate of soldiers of Slovenia cannot agree with the law, because with it the legislator would unconstitutionally and unacceptably interfere with the judgements of the courts and change them regarding the execution deadline and that is why we are informing you of this. The deadline for the execution of the judgements has been overdue for more than six months and the government wants to assign a new deadline for a later execution in the following years. With the same law they also want to legalize the obligation of judging in open litigations in labour courts for past cases by the approved law and stop the already started procedures of executions against the country.

The government of the Republic of Slovenia was aware of the unsettled debt and all legal assets (ordinary and extraordinary) before accepting the budget for 2014 and 2015. The unsettled debt was not taken into account and now the government is forcing syndicates to make agreements for which the syndicates do not have mandates for. They wish to negotiate the unsettled debt, which should not be the subject of negotiations because it concerns the rights of individual people. Our sources (mostly Medias) say that with accepting the budget for the years 2014 and 2015 the government of the Republic of Slovenia told you that it is coordinated with the social partners, which is definitely not true. The legal order of the Republic of Slovenia is interfered with in the draft of the aforementioned law because with it the executive and legislative branch of power wish to interfere with the judicial branch of power, which in our opinion is not acceptable for a democratic society of member countries of the EU.

We are informing you of the current situation to ask you to do as much as is in your power to stop further postponing debt payment to public employees that have given up so much already to aid in stopping the crisis in Slovenia and Europe. The unsettled debt needs to be settled now to stop further complications with unconstitutionally and unacceptably interfering in the judgements of the courts and to stop the rising debt that with interests rises for 1,4 million EUR monthly.

Deliberate unconstitutional postponing of debt settlement is not the solution to the crisis and therefore as a syndicate of the public sector we turn to you because it is our only legal leverage left.

Regards,



Gvido Novak
president

Ljubljana, 13th November

Appendix:

- Statement of uncoordination with a draft law on the payment of imbalances and the discrimination of the profession group of the members of the Slovenian armed forces, which are represented by the Syndicate of soldiers of Slovenia

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