



European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
Confédération européenne des syndicats (CES)

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Object: Invitation for the launch of the “12 by 12” Campaign in support of the ratification of ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers: 19 December 2011, Place Luxembourg (Brussels)

Brussels, 29 November 2011

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) in cooperation with a number of organisations* will launch the Global “12 by 12” Campaign aiming at 12 ratifications of ILO Convention Decent Work for Domestic Workers 189 by 2012.

We kindly invite you, as a Member of the European Parliament, to take part in the launch of the Campaign and to sign a postcard in support of the ratification and implementation of Convention 189.

The launch will take place outside the European Parliament at Place Luxembourg in Brussels on 19 December at 12.00.

The (draft) programme of the “12 by 12” Campaign launch will be the following:

12.00: Intro “12 by 12” Campaign ITUC and ETUC

12.05: Domestic workers inviting Members of the European Parliament and IDWN, FGTB, CSC, CGSLB, IUF and Solidar to:

- Short interventions on C189
- The signature of a big postcard in support of the ratification and implementation of C189

12.10: Photo-shoot with MEPs, trade union leaders and domestic workers

12.12: Group of domestic workers to officially launch the Campaign

12.13: A team starts cleaning in front of the European Parliament and collects signatures for small postcards which call upon MEP’s to support C189

12.15: Closing of the program – a smaller group will remain until 14.00.

Please also note that press might be present at the launch and might want to approach you for questions. Your support for C189 and your presence at the launch will be greatly appreciated and will demonstrate the importance of Europe at the forefront of improving domestic workers’ rights globally.

* Participating organisations: International Confederation of Trade Unions (ITUC); European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC); Belgium national trade union centers: FGTB, CSC, CGSLB; International Network of Domestic Workers (IDWN); The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant (IUF), Solidar and various migrant, women and domestic workers organisations in Belgium

The ratification of Convention C189 will improve the working and living conditions of about 100 million domestic workers worldwide, the majority of who are women and many who are migrants.

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We thank you in advance for your support,

Yours sincerely,



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Annexes:

- Flyer “12 by 12” Campaign in English, French, Spanish