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Dear Carlo,

On behalf of UNISON I would like to send a message of solidarity with the Public Service Federation of CGIL and all Italian workers for your day of action on 12 March.

Across Europe public sector workers' jobs and terms and conditions are under attack as governments seek to meet the challenges thrown up by the global financial and economic crisis. Workers with precarious employment contracts in the Italian public sector have been the first to bear the brunt of cuts in public services. UNISON strongly believes, however, that public services need to be strengthened, not weakened. Public services, and public services workers, will have a crucial role to play in creating the conditions for economic recovery and for a more just society.

Finally I would like to praise CGIL for the stand you have taken in defence of migrant workers and against attempts by the Italian government to demonise them to deflect attention from the real causes of the economic crisis.

I wish you all the best for your action.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Prentis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Prentis  
General Secretary

