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Dear Francisco,

On behalf of UNISON I would like to send a message of solidarity with STAL, the CGTP-IN and all Portuguese public service workers for your General Strike on 24 November.

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. The politics of austerity implemented by national governments and promoted by the European Commission will only serve to deepen the economic recession. The European trade union movement has a duty to challenge these policies and to promote a real alternative.

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

