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## The ETUCE CEE Round Table, meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

### 1. Declares:

- That education is a fundamental right and a public good that requires public funding and regulation;
- That the highest priority for teacher unions in the CEE countries at present is to oppose the irresponsible cutback-policies that some national governments pursue as a consequence of the economic crisis;
- That fair working conditions for teachers which encompass an appropriate workplace and an attractive salary, are crucial for the high quality education services all European people need;
- That teachers are expert practitioners in education and should therefore be fully involved in all education policy-making at all levels of power;
- That the trade union movement as a whole is and will continue to strongly oppose through national and international solidarity any attempt to silence teacher unions which denies their legitimacy and/or intimidates their representatives;

### 2. Re-affirms the commitment of all teacher unions in the CEE countries to:

- Defend vigorously the above-stated declaration in their respective countries and, at European level, through intense pressure on national governments, the European Union institutions and the Council of Europe;
- Facilitate a thorough coordination between the ETUCE member organisations from the CEE countries, including the exchange of comprehensive information, consultation and productive discussions within the CEE Round table meeting;
- Strengthen the unity of all teacher unions in all CEE countries and at European level through the action of ETUCE and under the umbrella of Education International;
- Ensure that the views of ETUCE member organisations in the CEE countries are actively promoted in all ETUCE/EI decision-making bodies.