

STAFF UNION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION



SYNDICAT DU PERSONNEL  
DE L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DU TRAVAIL



SINDICATO DEL PERSONAL  
DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DEL TRABAJO



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Staff Association  
WIPO (World Intellectual Property  
Organization)  
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Geneva, 19 September 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Having learned with astonishment then indignation, of the immediate suspension of the elected Chairperson on 5 September 2014, the ILO Staff Union wishes to express its strong solidarity with Mr. Moncef Kateb and with the Staff Association of WIPO.

In the great family of UN unions and staff associations, when one of our own is under attack, when social dialogue is broken and freedom of association is at risk, then the ability to respond and take action in solidarity is multiplied in proportion to the number of men and women representing staff in the international civil service.

The ILO Staff Union therefore expresses its support in these times of adversity and wishes to inform you that it will, through CCISUA as its federation and individually, contribute to any action that the Staff Association deems appropriate to undertake so that staff representation can regain its rights within WIPO and that a peaceful industrial relations climate can exist.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Catherine Comte-Tiberghien".

Catherine Comte-Tiberghien  
Chairperson  
Staff Union Committee