



Madrid, 25th January 2010

I am pleased to inform you that on January, 12th 2010, the Spanish Government signed an agreement with the Federation of Public Service Unions and the European Federation of Independent Unions, to support the establishment of a Social Dialogue Sectoral Committee in the framework of Central Government Administrations during 2010. Hereby I enclose a copy.

Therefore, it is one of the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union to start working on this issue.

Our Government's intention is to summon a meeting with delegates of those Member States interested in this matter and TUNED in order to start the necessary steps to promote the social dialogue at the European Level according to the European Commission 20<sup>th</sup> May 1998 Decision (98/500CE).

Regarding this, the Spanish Secretary of State for the Civil Service has already contacted her counterparts of the European Union member States informing them on this issue.

Once we know the different position from the member States, our plan is to summon a meeting for the creation of an "ad hoc" working group for, altogether with TUNED as representative of Federations of European Unions for Public Service, submit a joint request to the European Commission for the creation of a Sectoral Committee. An indicative date for this meeting might be the second week of March (from 8th to 12th).

The reason for this letter is to ask you to consider this initiative and contact me as soon as possible, should your Government be interested in this matter, so that we may carry on with this Project.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you the best for this New Year 2010.

Kind regards,