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LETTER OF INTENTION

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From

The General Secretary of Meridian Trade Union Confederation

To

The General Secretary of European Trade Union Confederation

Dear Mr. John Monks

I am pleased to inform you that the National Council of Meridian National Trade Union Confederation which is the fifth national trade union confederation representative at national level, entitled me to undertake all the necessary actions to start the affiliation procedures to the European Trade Union Confederation. In the light of this event, I think it is important for both sides to exchange more information and to establish a dialogue on this topic. Also I want to declare on behalf of MNTUC's members that we are accepting the aims and the Constitution of the European Trade Union Confederation and we are a :

- 1) Free and democratic organization*
- 2) Independent organization, both politically and financially*
- 3) Organization which is representative and carry out trade union work to defend the interests of their members*

The key purpose of Meridian National Trade Union Confederation is to unify the working people and to fight for the improvement of their living and working conditions and our mission is:

- *To promote and defend trade unionist movement and the legitimate interests of its members;*
- *To have a permanent dialogue with the Government and employers organizations;*
- *To provide solidarity and assistance to our members;*
- *To promote actively gender parity in the activities of the Confederation and its decision – making bodies at all levels;*
- *To fight against all forms of discrimination, to combat racism and xenophobia, in employment and within the trade union movement.*

Also, I want to mention that our Confederation was constituted in 1994 by the unification of two branch federations with a small number of members. Afterwards other trade union federations affiliated to NTUC MERIDIAN, so that nowadays it is one of the trade union confederation representative at national level, fulfilling since 1997, the representation criteria stipulated by the law. Even from beginning we have been fighting to keep the unity of our organization, with reduced financial resources but in compensation with very good human capital. Today we are proud for what we have done and our members are determined now, to join their efforts to support European trade unionist movement and the European Social Model.

Finally, I hope with this letter and the presentation paper wich is attached , I will be able to open the door of the negotiations and to start the affiliation procedures. In the same time I will be unpatient to recive from Bruxelles all the useful forms and documents for this process.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

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