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Subject: Collective Dismissals at RTVE

Dear Ms Caffarell,

On behalf POSPERT, the Greek Federation of Broadcasting Members, expresses indignation over the submission on March 10 of a labour retrenchment plan for RTVE, providing for the elimination of 3,133 permanent jobs and of about 1,300 temporary contracts, is profoundly disturbing.

This is one of a series of decisions that entail the closure or downsizing of operating centres of the national radio and television services RTVE, clearing the way for the outsourcing of programmes and services, and ultimately weakening the role and the weight of the public radio-television service in an audiovisual context that is increasingly dominated by private interests.

The defence of public radio and television services is essential to guarantee democratic, civic, and educational values as well as cultural diversity both in Spain and throughout the world. Many voices are demanding that the future of the public radio-

television service be guaranteed, as an institution that is at the service of the community as a whole.

The Spanish Parliament is to debate the legal and statutory framework for the regulation of RTVE's activities, following the report prepared by the Group of Experts. POSPERT supports the request to await the definitive outcome of that debate before any measures affecting RTVE's future are taken.

In any case, POSPERT urges that any restructuring that may affect the future of the public radio-television service be the result of a process of negotiation and consensus with the representatives of the workers.

Moreover, our union expresses its solidarity with the unions and workers at RTVE, who are deeply concerned about the enterprise's future and the security of their jobs.

Yours faithfully


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