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Manila Water Employees Union

(An affiliate of Public Services International and the Philippine Trade and General Workers Organization)

The Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK),

The Finnish Confederation of Professionals (STTK)

RE: International solidarity with Finnish workers amid major labour reforms

Dear Presidents of SAK, Mr. Jarkko Eloranta, and STTK, Mr. Antti Palola,

I am writing to you on behalf of the **Manila Water Employees Union (MWEU)** to express our strong support for all your members in Finland who are currently facing a government that is planning significant reforms of working life and remains unwilling to moderate its policy of cuts affecting workers.

Your resistance, demonstrated by the numerous protests, demonstrations and strikes is an inspiration to us all.

As a union of representing public sector workers in the Manila Water Employees Union (MWEU) affiliated with Public Services International (PSI), the global union federation of public sector unions that gathers 30 million workers across the globe, we understand the meaning of international solidarity. We also largely owe this to the workers of Finland.

Our union has been able to organize and represent nearly around 200 workers through the SASK-PSI project. Thanks to this project, we have been able to advance trade union rights in the Philippines including ratification of ILO Convention No. 190, ILO C151 and build union power through increasing our union density.

Now, it's our turn to reciprocate the same international solidarity you have consistently shown towards unions in the Global South.

We stand with you in this struggle and hope to celebrate your victory.

In solidarity,



LUIS Y. RENDON

President MWEU

