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To: XXX (Government/ public authorities/ Parliament)

**Urgent call for dialogue and transparency on TiSA (Trade in Services Agreement)**

Dear XXX,

It has been brought to our attention that the government has been closely involved in secret negotiations on the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA).

The 17th round of negotiations recently took place mid-April in Geneva behind closed doors, in a meeting chaired by Australia.

The next round is scheduled for 26th of May with the EU as a chair.

The TiSA negotiations are going ahead at an accelerated pace with many parties apparently willing to agree the key annexes on financial services, e-commerce and telecommunication by July. TiSA participants collectively represent 70 percent of the world's $44 trillion services marketplace.

Our international organisation UNI Global Union and its union affiliates, which together represent millions of services workers around the world, have expressed their deepest concerns on the impacts of TiSA on our economy and environmental, labour and consumer standards. We are concerned about how our democratic institutions and regulatory processes will be undermined by investor dispute resolution mechanisms which are integrate to TiSA. The TiSA process has no legitimacy and ignores democratic process.

In this context, we strongly urge the government:

* Make the full text of the TiSA proposals public;
* Ensure that the accepted processes nationally, regionally and locally are met so that there are democratic discussions on impacts;
* Ensure a social dialogue with the trade union movement to discuss the content and assess the potential impacts of TiSA.

We thank you in advance for your kind attention in this matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,