



Solidarity with Fujitsu employees in UK

On behalf of GPA-djp we express our full solidarity with the employees at Fujitsu in UK and their union UNITE in their legitimate strike and industrial action day. The possibility and right to unionize and bargain is a core value of democracy and must not be sacrificed for the profit interests of a company.

The main UK-based company of Fujitsu gained remarkable profits during the past year, but they paid 0 % of taxes. Now, they plan to cut 1800 UK jobs through offshoring, automation and outsourcing. In addition, they terminated the works council, as they had agreed on enhanced redundancy terms/protection. Thus, the majority of employees is left with little more than statutory redundancy terms.

These acts are outrageous and cannot be tolerated. Companies do have a responsibility towards their employees and must not act as they please or see fit to increase their profit. Trade union rights and employee protection are high values which we will not allow to be undermined. Attacks against trade unionism have become a daily business in many European countries during the ongoing crisis. But the UK population faces even more uncertainties due to the Brexit vote and the government's plans.

Therefore, the 12 day strike and the industrial action day on 28 February are not only legitimate, but an important and necessary measure. GPA-djp fully supports the action taken by Unite@Fujitsu. Together we stand, united in Europe – an injury to one is an injury to all. Your struggle is our struggle.

Solidarity on behalf of GPA-djp and all its members

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