



The trade unions meeting in Paris on the 26th and the 27th June 2008.

In the context of the French Presidency of the European Union, trade unions insist on Vocational Education and Training to be considered as a priority in the different educational systems.

They rely on the resolution "Vocational Education and Training resolution" adopted unanimously on the 5th World Congress of Education International in Berlin July 2007.

They confirm their commitment to the 6 fundamental issues to reinforce VET (see enclosed resolution).

The trade unions present at the Paris meeting have been received by the French Minister of National Education Xavier Darcos and they have, moreover, insisted on confirming their determination to keep the responsibility for Vocational Education and Training within the education system that provides at the same time both the training as future employees as well as future European citizens.

Once more they demand for a fair system of recognition of diplomas by means of international systems of equivalence (ECVET, EQF, Quality Assurance).

They strongly insist on enhancing the status of teachers from Vocational Education and Training.

They aim at a high quality teacher education adapted to the specific needs of Vocational Education and Training teachers.

They also wish to facilitate the exchange and European staff mobility.

They vindicate positive orientation for pupils towards a successful track rather than an orientation by default.

They agreed upon future meetings either within the context of Education International or within a more informal setting and invite all other trade unions that support the above mentioned ideas to join in with the initiative taken.

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