



TUI-090115-PM

25th March, 2009.

**TO: All Second Level and Third Level Representatives
All Second Level and Third Level Branch Secretaries
Executive Committee**

RE: DEFERRAL OF ONE DAY STRIKE ACTION

Dear Colleague,

An emergency meeting of the TUI Executive Committee yesterday the 25th March decided, in the light of the advice of the Irish Congress of Trade Union, to defer the strike action which had been called for Monday 30th March. This action is also been taken by each of the other teacher unions.

The position of the TUI in regard to this strike is as follows:

The TUI ballot for industrial action, up to and including two days of strike action, was taken in cooperation with the other teacher unions and the mandate for this action was in co-operation with the other teacher unions. After the teachers' ballot the ICTU called on all unions for a one day of strike action to highlight the breakdown of the partnership process and in particular the unilateral withdrawal from agreements in respect of pay increases under the national agreements. The Teacher unions committed one of the strike days to the ICTU agenda.

On Tuesday ICTU received an invitation from Government to engage in discussions in relation to the overall economic situation. This invitation has been accepted by ICTU and it has advised affiliate Unions that the original objective of the strike action has now been met. Accordingly TUI, in co-operation with the other teacher unions, has deferred the strike called for 30th March.

The TUI position remains that industrial action (of a work to rule nature) in both schools and colleges is in place and remains in place. The union's opposition to the way in which the Government is handling the current economic situation remains and the strike mandate which the union has received remains.

The situation will continue to be monitored by the Executive Committee and members will be advised accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Peter MacMenamin
General Secretary