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To Związek Nauczycielstwa Polskiego (ZNP)

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Solidarity with ZNP strike action

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of Education International (EI) and its 32.5 million members worldwide, I'm writing to express support for the ZNP's indefinite strike action – started on 8 April 2019 – over a salary increase for teachers and other education personnel at primary and secondary education levels.

We share your discontent about the failed negotiations with the Polish Government for a significant increase of 1000 PLN in teachers' salaries, to align it with the country's average wages. This would provide teachers with a salary that is at last commensurate with the level of qualification and responsibility required by their profession.

We applaud your affiliates' strong determination to fight for the rights and interests of teachers and other education personnel, with several hundred thousand teachers confirming their willingness to participate in the strike.

Attacks from the government on teachers' working and employment conditions further exacerbate the low status of the teaching profession and undermine the quality of education and teaching, jeopardising the future of the country. EI supports your request for a substantial increase in public funding in education with a view to sustainably promoting the status of teachers.

In solidarity,

David Edwards
General Secretary