

The Compass Group European Works Council (CEC), at its meeting on 17-18 June 2009 in London, notes with grave concern the situation in Eures Support Services (ESS) in Algeria in respect of the dismissal of Mr. Yassin Zaid, when his only "crime" has been to organise a trade union within ESS.

We urge Compass to abandon all legal proceedings against Mr. Zaid, to immediately reinstate him and compensate him for any loss of earnings, and to recognise both his trade union and his position within that trade union.

Furthermore, we call upon Compass to adopt a global policy of recognition of trade unions in every country where it operates, and to enter into meaningful collective bargaining with the elected representatives of these trade unions, in compliance with the principles stipulated in the UN Global Compact to which Compass is signatory.

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