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Communiqué 35

Dear colleagues,

You may have read [communiqué 35](#) of Mr Battistelli where the President reiterates his invitation to a meeting with the Central Staff Committee (CSC) on 18 September. Communiqué 35 seems to be a public reply to our [open letter of Friday 6 September](#). It fails to address the points we raised in our letter.

As a sign of good will we have decided to send a delegation to the meeting on 18 September. You will find [under this link the letter we have sent to President Battistelli](#) where we clarify what we think should be discussed.

We however fear that the invitation of the President is only another skillful element of his public relation campaign towards staff, and that a fruitful discussion about the causes of and remedies to the current social unrest is unlikely to take place, for the following reasons.

Most of the President's agenda points for the meeting of 18 September relate to six draft Circulars or Administrative Council documents which have already been sent to the GAC last week, none of which having been discussed beforehand with the Staff Committee. These documents propose a substantial raise in contributions to the pension and healthcare insurance and an individual "performance" related bonus. So much for the good faith and bona fide consultation.

We will do our best to report to you after the meeting despite the current censorship, but it is likely that Mr Battistelli will be the quicker in issuing a communiqué following the meeting. We can only invite you to wait for our own feedback to get a complete picture of what really happened, as Mr Battistelli's recollection of his meetings with the CSC are often very different from ours.

The Central Staff Committee