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Situation of Mr Laurent Prunier

Dear Mr Campinos,

On 7 September 2018, the local bureau of SUEPO The Hague met with you to discuss (among other issues) the worrying situation of Mr Prunier, an elected CSC member and union official who was unlawfully dismissed from service based on trumped up charges while on certified sick leave.

In a meeting with the CSC on 12 September you informed that Mr Prunier's file was on your desk. On 30 October 2018, you issued an office-wide Communiqué in which you declared that your administration was in favour of reaching amicable settlements for ongoing complaints.

However, the Office does not appear to have contacted Mr Prunier to enter into any such discussion (despite the fact that he is still severely ill and any prolongation will only make it worse). Besides the suffering unduly inflicted on Mr Prunier, we doubt it is in the interest of the EPO to have this matter become public material once judged.

We are looking forward to being reassured that swift progress is being made in this matter, as Mr Prunier's health appears to be suffering a lot from this protracted legal battle, which we are truly worried about.

Sincerely yours,

Joachim Michels

Chairman of SUEPO Central