



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ETUCE EXECUTIVE BOARD LONDON - 5/6 DECEMBER 1995

DEFENDING AND DEVELOPING THE PUBLIC SERVICES

The ETUCE Executive Board reaffirms the need to defend, maintain and develop public services which respond to fundamental individual and collective needs, notably that for education and training.

Such public services must be available to all, be based on general requirements and rest on the values of equality, solidarity and social justice.

Their management criteria cannot be simply the profitability criteria of private enterprise.

The field of application must correspond to the needs of contemporary society.

ETUCE considers that the structures and the organisational, managerial and regulatory methods of public services that each country has chosen must be respected.

The development of quality public services implies that all necessary budgetary means must be made available, and that staff qualifications should be recognised and improved.

ETUCE will take action to ensure that these principles are taken into account by European bodies and to ensure that, during the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, the principle of public service is introduced into the Treaty on the European Union at the same level of importance as that of free competition.

ETUCE must uphold its members' activities in defending and developing public services and must seek coordination with the other ETUF, ETUC, EI (Education International) and WCT (World Confederation of Teachers).