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**Growing arbitrariness and inequality.
USSP firmly rejects pending reform of the Commission administration and
the EU staff regulations**

*With regard to the **strike** organized by the European civil service trade unions on **11th April 2003** the Association of Public Sector Trade Unions (USSP) of the CESI published the following statement.*

By the end of June the Council will decide upon the **reform of the Commission administration and the EU staff regulations**. From the point of view of the USSP a decision by the Council in the expected direction would have **fatal consequences** for the European civil service, its independence, and the pension systems.

On 19th March 2003 the USSP unanimously adopted an **opinion** in which it firmly rejects the **pending reform** basically for **provoking arbitrariness and inequality** and, moreover, **weakening the European idea among officials and in the institutions**. The three main points of criticism are as follows:

1. The **system of two overlapping function groups** is not suitable for an independent European civil service. The change to this system could create **administrative chaos**.
2. The proposed **reporting system** will harm the working atmosphere and make the **whole hierarchy too dependent on the political will of** a Member State or a Commissioner. These measures detract from the neutrality and independence of European officials and employees.
3. The **unlimited possibility of transforming Commission departments into internal or inter-institutional offices** opens the way to a **massive and uncontrollable removal of civil service status** from the European bodies.

Enclosed you will find the opinion in full length in **English, French, and German**

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