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### **European Trade Unions worried in view of disrespect for collective and individual rights of police officers in Portugal**

On the occasion of the Executive Committee meeting of the European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC, delegates expressed their concern in view of the apparent signs of a disrupted social dialogue in the police in Portugal.

The ETUC was informed about the current situation in Portugal by EuroCOP representatives who have been working with Police unions in Portugal during the last months. 'The current development leaves us no opportunity than to raise the matter on the European level,' said EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer. 'Our colleagues in Portugal are suffocated with disciplinary actions and their collective rights are deliberately ignored by the Portuguese Government.'

The ETUC Secretariat will now closely follow the developments during the first months of the EU Presidency of Portugal. There will be a follow up on the issue at the next meeting of its Executive Committee on 17/18 October 2007.

The European Confederation of Police, EuroCOP, is the umbrella organisation of 30 national Police Unions and Staff Organisations from 23 European States. It represents the interests of over 500.000 police officers in Europe. [www.eurocop-police.org](http://www.eurocop-police.org)

The European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC, is recognised by the European Union, by the Council of Europe and by EFTA as the only representative cross-sectoral trade union organisation at European level. At present, the ETUC has in membership 81 National Trade Union Confederations from 36 European countries, as well as 12 European industry federations, making a total of 60 million members. [www.etuc.org](http://www.etuc.org)