

CCOO and UGT statement in the light of the possible Unilateral Declaration of Independence and the call for a general strike

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On the night of October 1, after the events occurred in Catalonia during the whole day, CCOO and UGT adopted a statement which is enclosed to this information, in English and French.

Today, October 2, following the statement by the President of Catalonia where he undoubtedly declared that the only political strategy considered by the Catalan Government is the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI), UGT and CCOO clearly say that we do not support that position neither that political strategy.

CCOO and UGT do not call the general strike on October 3.

Our organizations in Catalonia, together with other Catalan social organizations, have made an appeal to participate in the mobilizations to denounce the excesses occurred on October 1, but not to participate in the strike called by other trade union organizations. In no case shall we back positions that give coverage to a UDI.

Both organizations remain committed to a political and institutional negotiation for redirecting the political conflict in Catalonia. In that sense, we will take initiatives throughout the State as a whole to encourage the articulation of a political proposal. The Government of Spain should open a scenario of dialogue and submit a proposal with contents. Spanish citizens should oblige the Government to open that way.

We also urge the Government of Catalonia not to proceed with any other unilateral measure, particularly the Declaration of Independence.

We need to react and leave this dynamic, and the trade union organizations rely on political actions and initiatives. Those political actors who feel unable or who have no will to take that political direction should better leave their responsibilities as soon as possible.