



OPZZ/P/165/2023

Warsaw, 19/01/2023

TO: Yvan Ricordeau  
National Secretary in charge of  
International Policy (CFDT)

Boris Plazzi  
Confederal Secretary in charge of  
international issues (CGT)

Vladimir Djordjevic Confederal  
Advisor Europe and International  
(CFTC)

Rachel Brishoual  
National Secretary Europe  
International Sector (UNSA)

Dear Comrades,

The OPZZ, the largest Polish trade union confederation is greatly concerned about the situation in France regarding the government bill to reform the French pension system.

We, too, have fought for the retirement age not to be raised, and we know perfectly well that other mechanisms can be applied to facilitate and encourage people to stay in the labour market.

We are emphasising that we consider it reprehensible to raise the legal retirement age to 64. It is unacceptable! We can quote you verbatim: "This reform will hit all workers hard, especially those who started work early, the most precarious, those whose life expectancy is lower than the rest of the population, and those doing the hardest jobs". Dear colleagues, we fully support you; the proposed reform will worsen the insecurity of those who stop working before retirement and reinforce gender inequality.

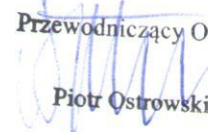
Together with the French trade unions, we call on the French government to implement the solutions proposed by the French trade unions to defend a better

distribution of wealth, that is, to return to other solutions put forward during the consultation rounds, including measures to improve the employment rate of older workers, which were not taken into account before.

Today 19th January, when nationwide cross-sector strikes and demonstrations have taken place, when you fight for workers' rights and the right to live with dignity, we are wholehearted with you.

We believe in your victory!

With fraternal greetings,

  
Przewodniczący OPZZ  
Piotr Ostrowski