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Success of the 1st EI/PSI International Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Forum

Both participants and observers at the first International Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Forum hailed it as a success. The three-day forum, a joint initiative by Education International (EI) and Public Services International (PSI) - the two global unions that represent more than 46 millions workers around the world, took place from 19-21 July in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The aim of the forum is to provide guidance to EI and PSI’s Executive Board and Committee in the undertaking of activities proposed by member unions represented at the GLBT Forum session prior to the Congress of each international. More than 120 trade unions delegates and experts in policy and programme development from all over the world participated.

At the closing of the forum, a declaration was made to various bodies as well as to both EI and PSI. These include:

- **To the ILO:** to refer explicitly to discrimination at work based on sexual orientation or gender identity in their programmes and action plans;
- **To UNESCO:** to include in their materials and training tools, themes and issues related to sexual diversity, the cultural, social and historical roots of discrimination, and to make recommendations on ways to eradicate all forms of discriminatory practices;
- **To national governments:** To amend their national legislation in order to eradicate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status and to eradicate exemption provisions;
- **To both EI and PSI:** to reaffirm the unequivocal commitment of EI and PSI and their member organisations to provide full support for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workers.

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