



Trade Union of the Staff of European Institutions
The President

Brussels, 30th of November 2009

NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT KALLAS, VICE-PRESIDENT WALLSTROM and COMMISSIONER VASSILIOU

Dear Vice-Presidents,
Dear Commissioner,

R&D understands that negotiations are under way between the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the Swedish government to finalize a seat agreement that would secure equal rights to all EU staff being Swedish nationals or not. **R&D** understands that a certain number of issues have still to be agreed upon in order to allow Sweden to comply with basic EU legislation and principles even if all aspects could not necessarily deal within the seat agreement. **R&D** would like to support the actions undertaken by our **R&D** members, the current ECDC Director and the Staff Committee.

Amongst the most important points to be solved remain the following ones:

ECDC Staff member rights :

- No access to affordable and efficient healthcare system
- No access to European election
- No registration as Swedish resident (*meaning for some of us no EU residence status*)
- No access to open market. (e.g. without personal number we can only choose two banks which have specific agreement with ECDC)

ECDC family member rights:

Spouses who are working in Sweden and paying Swedish taxes do not have access to:

- Swedish health care
- pension rights
- unemployment rights

R&D is convinced that both the Commission and yourself will do their outmost to finalize an agreement that would enable EU staff to work and live in the best possible conditions and that a solution should be reached before the end of the Swedish Presidency. Should we fail to do so, there is no doubt that one will question the ability and the political willingness of Sweden to retain the ECDC on its territory and/or the possibility to attract new ones in the future.

R&D remains at your disposal to discuss further this issue, should you deem it necessary.

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