

Nestlé European Council for Information and Consultation (NECIC)



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STATEMENT ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Faced with the tragedy of refugees fleeing war, oppression and exploitation for safety in Europe, the worker representatives in the Nestlé European Works Council and their unions:

Recalling the values of unity, solidarity and compassion which underpin the trade union movement;

Recalling the central role of trade unions in promoting equity, fairness and inclusiveness;

Condemn measures that endanger human dignity and physical integrity and violate human rights;

Condemn, in this regard, the construction of walls, fences and other disgraceful barriers;

Condemn the manifestations of ethnic and religious hatred, the manipulation of public opinion and the spreading of disinformation for political gain which have accompanied the refugee crisis;

Reject intolerance and anti-immigrant sentiment;

Underline that we are called on as European citizens to assist refugees, to offer them asylum and a chance at a future;

Underline our shared values as workers and trade unionists and **undertake** to give wide publicity to this statement in our unions and workplaces.

We call on our unions to increase efforts to organize and defend the rights of migrant workers.