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Sheila Mawhinney Room 241, Parliament Buildings, Ballymiscaw, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3XX

Dear Sheila,

Submission to Ad Hoc Committee

I have been working with a working group, under the auspices of NIC-ICTU on the equality implications of the Welfare Reform Bill. I have not been able to establish whether Congress has included a submission on EU law implications in its response to the Committee.

I have therefore thought it best to make this submission in a personal capacity in case it is necessary to do so in order to bring these matters to the attention of the Committee.

If Congress has made a submission on these matters, this submission may merely be treated as an endorsement of the position of Congress. If that is not the case, I hope that these submissions will be taken into account by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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