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Pay Equity Bill

The Unions Want a Settlement as Soon as Possible

Quebec, Thursday, May 18th, 2006 – The presidents of the member organizations of l'Intersyndicale – made up of the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ), the Fédération des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec (FIIQ) and the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) – together with the president of the Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS), were apprised today of the tabling of amendments to the Pay Equity Act before the Quebec National Assembly.

The unions have ascertained that the bill upholds the rights of all unionized personnel and offers a means of correcting the real problem of different salaries within the same job classes.

With regards to the amendments, the unions will evaluate their legal scope in the coming days, but have no intention of slowing down the work being done on this file, and they are asking the government to provide the necessary mechanisms to do the same. They are hoping for a settlement as soon as possible, but are mindful that they have been disappointed many times before in this matter, the government having numerous times inhibited the process.

The Intersyndicale and the APTS are working together to secure a pay equity settlement. The five organizations represent nearly 400,000 public-sector employees in the health and education fields.

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