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**Affiliates' Draft Resolutions
The role of EPSU in PSI
*Submitted by the Nordic affiliates and ALSWU, Russia***

		Proposed amendments	
1.	Measured in number of members, EPSU (European Federation of Public Service Unions) is the largest region in Public Services International (PSI). This gives the European region a certain responsibility but also, an opportunity to contribute to a strong and influential PSI on a global scale. Global solidarity is an integral part in the work of EPSU.		
2.	Alongside the European work, global issues must be given a central position in the work of EPSU. The EPSU member organisations are, since 2008, extending all across the geographical region of Europe and it is therefore important that the work of EPSU is relevant to all member organisations.		
3.	The challenges we are facing in Europe, both inside and outside of the EU, are more often than not part of a much larger global picture and thus, EPSU should also see itself as a global actor and engage in global issues of interest to Europe.		
4.	Many of the issues that EPSU engage in are of a global nature and accordingly, its work should essentially be approached from a global perspective. Many of the topics covered in the draft resolutions put forward to Congress by EPSU are of a global nature and so, the solutions proposed by EPSU must also be based on a global approach and perspective. EPSU also have an obligation as a PSI region to bring in European perspectives to global debates.		

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5.	Also the financial crisis and its implications are not limited to Europe. Many countries have been forced to make cost savings in the public sector with reduced quality public services, job losses and a growing pressure on workers' rights as an immediate consequence of the crisis. The same applies to the demands for privatisation imposed in one country after another. Global actors such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are often a driving force behind demands for privatisation. The World Bank, OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), WTO (World Trade Organization), WHO (World Health Organization) and last but not least the ILO (International Labour Organization) are examples of other global organisations that the policies of EPSU need to target. EPSU and ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation) must work together to incorporate a social dimension in EU's trade agreements across the world.		
6.	Work relating to qualitative public services, job opportunities, climate change, migration, workers' rights and gender equality is of the highest relevance throughout the world. It is also work that PSI give high priority to. Hence, it is essential for EPSU to put its work in these areas into a global context.		
7.	The sectoral work is also one activity that PSI endeavours to develop further. The Standing Committees we have in EPSU, that are related to different sectors, could actively contribute to the sectoral work of PSI by putting focus on the development of a global and pan-European agenda whilst at the same time, engaging in sectoral		

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	dialogues.		
	Action points		
8.	EPSU shall focus on global agendas by;		
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating the PSI agenda with the agendas of the EPSU Executive Committee and Standing Committees 		
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placing global issues high on its agenda. 		
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that the agendas of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees are pan-European. 		