

Belgium – Social partners in metal distance themselves from extremism and discrimination

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All trade unions which organise workers in the Belgian metal industry as well as their employer counterpart (Agoria) have issued a joint statement to commemorate the end of World War II and to warn against extremism in the present-day reality. The text below advocates for an open and inclusive society, also in the workplaces.

“8 May 1945 marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. For 8 May is therefore an important day in many European countries. A day to reflect on the dangers of extremism, Holocaust denial and intolerance. A day to highlight the importance of democracy, human rights, and diversity. Indeed, the significance of this date is and remains topical. In many countries around the world, extremism is gaining in popularity.

That's why today - 8 May - we want to send out a joint message from our sector, trade unions and employers' organisations, to all of you. and employers' organisations together, a strong and clear message: extremism racism, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, and any other form of exclusion have no place in our society, nor in our companies, but in the interests of cohesion and growth.

Today, there are many challenges to face and problems to solve. Only an open respectful and inclusive society can do so.”

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