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Director of Ispra Site Management

Subject: transport from the European School of Varese to JRC Creche/Garderie.

The JRC Ispra Trade unions have been informed on the problem concerning the possible interruption of the transport – ensured so far - of children from the European School to the JRC Creche/Garderie.

Our view is that any interruption on that service will have an unavoidable impact on the JRC staff, and therefore we appreciate your effort to address that problem together with the Local Staff Committee, and we encourage any possible way to solve it.

We are aware that a decision should be taken shortly, as apparently the contract of transport to and from the European School are going to be renegotiated in the next days and therefore solutions shall be explored into the presently available budget. We fully support your intention to consult COPAS in order to verify if and on what extent that option could be a workable solution for next school year.

However, our view is that the involvement of COPAS should be considered in the context of an extraordinary situation only, and therefore permanent solutions should be envisaged before the end of next school year – thus avoiding the risk to take again a “*last minute*” decision or to consider possible solutions as a precedent.

JRC Ispra Trade Unions are fully convinced that the mentioned problem of transport must be considered in the context of the need to ensure attractiveness of the Ispra site, and therefore it fully falls into the local policy for social support of JRC staff.

In many circumstances, in fact, we have highlighted how Ispra site is different vis-à-vis other sites, including Brussels. We need to take any initiative to offer more attractive conditions of life and work to candidate JRC officials, if we all wish to prevent that recruitment at JRC would decline and if we all would like to ensure the “*broadest possible geographical basis from among nations of Member States of the Communities*”, as established in the Staff Regulation.

Therefore, while welcoming any initiative you are going to consider together with the Local Staff Representatives, we also encourage finding an appropriate long term solution by implementing local general decisions which would tangibly support the working condition of JRC staff.

We are, of course, available to an exchange of views - should you consider it necessary.

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