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SEDE NACIONAL

Lisbon, 21st March 2017.

Dear Sergei Stanishev
President of the Party of the European Socialists,

Today's statements of Mr. Jeroen Dijsselbloem about the Southern European countries are outrageous and are contrary to the fundamental values of the European project and deserve a strong and immediate condemnation by our political family.

The words used are offensive, even xenophobic, and cannot be tolerated by any European political party and especially not by our own Party of the European Socialists.

Unfortunately, it is not the first time that the President of the Eurogroup publically expresses his narrow-minded visions against the solidarity and union of the member states of the EU.

It is time for our political family to react, condemn these shameful words and to distance the PES and all our parties from the opinions of Mr. Jeroen Dijsselbloem.

It is now clear that someone that shares these opinions is not fit to act as President of the Eurogroup and the PES must withdraw any political support to his candidacy.

We are certain that you will take into account our concerns and seek for all the appropriate measures to react to this grotesque position.

Our best regards,

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Deputy Secretary General of the Socialist Party