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Ms Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD,
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation,
Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation,
23 Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

IFUT ADC/RESOLUTION ON TTIP

Many thanks for arranging to have a detailed reply sent to me (on 20 September 2016) following my expression of the Irish Federation of University Teachers' strong concerns regarding TTIP.

As you may know, IFUT is an Executive Member of the European Region of the global union Education International. All across the Continent of Europe (not just in the EU) there is unanimous deep concern TTIP (and, indeed, CETA). I know that from your own experience as a teacher that, not only would you too worry about adverse effects on education but you would also know that it is unlikely that there would be a Europe-wide consensus of concern if such concerns were not well researched and thoroughly verifiable.

Due to the extreme seriousness of this decision I made a request to our European Headquarters to ask that our European expert on TTIP would examine your letter to

me of 20 September 2016 and make informed comments on it. I am attaching the full reply received from Education International in that regard.

I realise this correspondence is lengthier than the usual letter to a Minister. However, I am hoping that you will appreciate that this is appropriate given the long-term effects of whatever decisions our Government – with your important role – may make on this subject.

I thank you for your openness to read our considered opinions.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Jennings". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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Mike Jennings,
General Secretary.