



The ETUC stands with the people of Greenland

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In November 2024, the people of Greenland woke up to the disturbing news that the President of the United States, Donald Trump, had once again raised the idea of seizing control of their land. This was not the first time such a threat was issued by the President or his cabinet.

The ETUC stands in firm solidarity with the National Confederation of Trade Unions of Greenland (SIK), and with the people of Greenland. Greenland is a natural and important part of the Nordic community. We affirm their unassailable right to self-determination and their right to feel safe and secure in their own country - a right that belongs to all people.

No nation has a right to threaten the safety of Greenland. Any attempt to coerce, pressure, or undermine the will of the Greenlandic people is unacceptable.

The people of Greenland have made their position clear. The protests against foreign interference earlier this year were the largest in Greenland's history. As Jess G. Berthelsen, President of the National Confederation of Trade Unions of Greenland, stated:

"Greenland has shown the world that integrity still means something. Greenland has said no—not because we are against anyone, but because we stand for something. We stand for respect. For dignity. For integrity. In a time when superpowers operate through threats and economic pressure, Greenland reminds the world that there are countries that cannot be bought."