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## **FSU REFUSES INSTRUMENTALISATION OF FRENCH SECULARISM OVER THE BAN OF VEIL**

### **AS FEAR GROWS OVER ISLAM**

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**USPA NEWS** - More than ever, F.S.U (Unitary Trade Union Federation) claims to be defending the ability « Living together » in France as a touchy debate is growing against « Islamism », and the ban to Veil wearing for the mothers who accompany their kids at schools. (During outdoor activities, as some mothers are volunteering to accompany their kids, due to the lack of human resources in some French Schools). On October 12, a regional elected member of the National Assembly attacked a student mother who accompanied students on the pretext that she was veiled. To stigmatize a mother accompanying a group of students, to humiliate her publicly, to make her child cry, to link her religious practice to the commission of terrorist acts are serious and intolerable facts. The FSU expresses its solidarity with the mother and her son.

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Education staff come every day to support the principles of secularism by banning all proselytism and promoting through dialogue the participation of all families in the life of schools. They must be encouraged and supported.-----

The FSU expects the government to clarify its position, hold responsible rhetoric and take action to strengthen the unity of the country's citizens and social cohesion. In a context marked by terrorism, the FSU refuses any obvious instrumentalization of secularism. The necessary prevention of the attacks must preserve all recovery by Islamophobic and racist campaigns.

Committed to living together, in the world of work and in society, the FSU is concerned about facts that fuel racist hatred and the division of our society. She is alerting the government to how to deal with the issue of neutrality at school and is concerned about a new bill tabled by the Republicans in the Senate. The FSU asks the government to preserve and guarantee a public service open to all users. Source : F.S.U

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