PRESS STATEMENT:

Following the official announcement by one of our affiliate members, Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) that they have formally withdrawn labour of their entire membership beginning today 24th June, 2013 and having considered their grievances and all the steps taken to negotiate with the employer over the past one year, the Federation of Public Service Trade Unions of Kenya (PUSETU-K) wishes to bring to the attention of the Government of Kenya and the general public that PUSETU-K will render total and unreserved support to the KNUT and its membership towards this course. We will stand with them throughout the whole period of the industrial action and until all the issues in dispute are resolved.

Further, we wish to express our disappointment that the Government of Kenya being the employer of all workers in the public service, teachers included has developed an unfortunate tendency of perpetually reneging on fulfillment of their part of the bargain in almost all COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (CBAs) entered between itself and the various unions within the industry.

In particular, we regretfully note that the Government has failed to honour:
1. The CBAs signed between itself and the Union of Kenya Civil Servants for the year – 2010-2012.
2. The CBA signed between itself and the Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU) for the year – 2012-2013.
3. The CBA signed between itself and the Universities Non-Teaching Staff Union (UNTESU) now Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) for the year – 2010-2012.

Towards this end, the Federation of Public Service Trade Unions of Kenya (PUSETU) being the labour centre to which all these unions affiliate, wishes to urge the Government of Kenya to with immediate effect and within the next seven Days factor in all payments due to the workers within its roll and covered by the CBAs herein above or face industrial unrest never seen in this country before.

We will however remain open and available for direct consultations and engagements earliest convenience in order to achieve permanent industrial peace within the sector.

At the expiry of **SEVEN days' notice**, PUSETU-K will summon all its affiliates to withdraw labour in their respective work places and paralyze work in all Government offices and learning institutions including public universities and schools.

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