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MEA calls for an early settlement of GWU Government Dispute

The Malta Employers' Association stated that it is against the principle of having two classes of employees, one which is privileged with automatic alternative employment in case of redundancy, and another that will have to follow the normal channels of registering for work.

The Association said that it agrees that in cases of redundancies, every effort should be made to find suitable alternative employment to those affected. This is something that happens even in the private sector through a very effective, albeit informal, communications network between employers' associations, unions and companies to find vacancies for unemployed persons. The same should be done for parastatal employees.

However it is wrong to expect that a section of employees, namely those in the public sector, cannot be declared redundant unless alternative employment is found for them. The issue certainly does not justify placing other jobs at risk by threatening sympathy action in the private sector. It is ironic to call for the support of workers who are not entitled to the privileges that the unions is claiming for employees in the public sector. In accordance with line of argument, should those currently registered also be entitled to jobs in the private sector?

In conclusion, the MEA said that the ultimate solution to redundancies is to generate investment in the private sector to offer decent and productive employment to those seeking employment. Creating fictitious vacancies should not be on anyone's agenda.