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MEA warns GWU

The Malta Employers' Association strongly condemned the General Workers Union for issuing letters to companies threatening sympathy industrial action in the coming days as a result of its dispute regarding redundancies at Interprint.

The MEA stated that it is giving a directive to its members to be ready to exercise their legitimate right to retaliate to any action ordered by the General Workers Union. If action takes the shape of a strike, employers may legitimately order lock outs.

The Association reiterated its position that although all effort should be made to find alternative employment to redundant employees, this is not an automatic right. The sad truth is that as companies and economies restructure themselves, jobs may be lost. This is what is happening in Malta and elsewhere. The real challenge lies in generating sufficient opportunities for productive employment for those affected. It would be better if social partners channeled their energies to this end, rather than resorting to an escalation of disputes that may place further jobs in jeopardy.