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Dear President

With Law No. 18 of March 3, 2009 (published in the Official Gazette No. 61 of March 14, 2009) Italy ratified and made executive the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with an Optional Protocol, adopted by UN General Assembly on 13 December 2006 and entered into force on 3 May 2008. With the same provision (Article 3) it establishes the National Observatory on the condition of people with disabilities.

In the European context, the right to education was first enshrined in Article 2 of the Additional Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, signed in Rome on 4 November 1950 by the member states of European Council. This article recognizes the right to education as a universal right and, in particular, requires signatory states to respect the right of parents to ensure such education and teaching. The European Social Charter then further expanded the scope of definition of the concept of the right to education.

With the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union of 7 December 2000, the protection of fundamental rights has finally become part of the law of the Union. Art. 14, in particular, universally guarantees ("to every individual") the right to education and access to continuing vocational training through the guarantee of compulsory education.

Following the aforementioned sacrosanct "right to education", the undersigned trade union organization denounces the following.

For decades, parents and workers in our schools have been providing personal hygiene assistance for students with severe disabilities. Since March I have been at home without a job and without a salary. The Region of Sicily, after decades, turns its back on thousands of disabled children in our schools and decides not to take care of the service anymore, effectively canceling thousands of jobs in Sicily. School has begun, and thousands of disabled children no longer find assistance in schools for their condition of disability: an unacceptable tear to the right to study.

For these serious reasons, the writer asks for your authoritative and urgent intervention.

Sincerely

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