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Union Recognition Issue: Malta Employers' Association condemns industrial actions taken by the GWU

The Malta Employers' Association insists that employers should never end up the victims of disputes between unions on recognition issues. This statement was made as a reaction to the decision taken by the General Workers Union to resort to industrial actions following the outcome of the verification exercise among the port workers. The Association declared that such actions should be declared illegal and it expressed its full solidarity with the Malta Freeport which is facing the repercussions of these actions.

The MEA stated that, irrespective of what one may think about the procedures of the verification exercise, the fact remains that the company is still drawn into an industrial action although it has no dispute with either of the unions involved.

The Association added that, rather than waste time and resources on industrial actions, the social partners need to get together to seek ways how the mechanism to establish union recognition can be improved to avoid union recognition disputes, if necessary even by amending the Employment and Industrial Relations Act.