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Dear Minister,

Solidarity with Greek civil servants

On behalf of Public Services International (PSI), representing more than 20 million women and men in the public sector, I would like to express our concern over the continued the attacks against public services, public social goods and workers' rights in Greece.

Since the start of the economic crisis, not only has PSI consistently warned that workers should not be made to pay the price for a crisis they did not create, but that this could also lead to a major social crisis.

Your government persists in applying cruel measures that lead to the further collapse of the welfare state, further reductions of salaries and pensions, the deconstruction of collective and social rights, a dramatic rise in unemployment, the falsification of the minimum wage in the private sector, and poverty and misery.

Through the imposition of new measures, the government proceeds with the abolition of public bodies and increasing redundancies for thousands of employees.

It is unacceptable that public service workers and their families should foot the bill for the lack of government policies which now result in the current financial and economic crisis in Greece! Your country deserves much better than that.

We urge the Greek government to review the impact of these measures and to ensure that the affected workers are guaranteed a decent standard of living.

Yours sincerely,

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