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Dear Colleagues,

## **Solidarity with Greek civil servants**

On behalf of Syndicat de la fonction publique et parapublique du Québec (SFPQ), representing more than 42 000 women and men in the public sector, I would like to express our support to our Greek affiliate ADEDY in its struggle for workers'rights and its fight against the policies of the Hellenic government and the Troika.

The SFPQ is concerned about the continued the attacks against public services and the austerity measures taken in Greece. Quality public services are the foundation of democratic societies and successful economies. The on-going attacks on education, health and social security will have an effect on the employment of the current and future generations, and will destroy the social state.

The SFPQ urges the Greek government to engage in social dialogue and collective bargaining as one of the instruments of getting out of this crisis and to rebuild democratic structures.

Please convey my support to your members for the action week you are organising from 16 to 20 September 2013, which includes a 48-hour strike in the public sector on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 September in Greece.

With best wishes for a successful strike and outcome!

In solidarity,

La présidente générale,

Lucie Martineau