

**GSEE AND ADEDY CALL GENERAL STRIKE ON 18 OCTOBER  
2012 TO PROTEST NEW AUSTERITY MEASURES**

**GSEE and ADEDY call a nationwide 24-hour strike on October 18, 2012 marking also the upcoming European Summit, to protest and oppose the government's new round of austerity, tax hikes and outrageous anti-labour measures.**

**New demands by the Troika to further 'restructure' the labour market strip workers of all rights condemning them to work interminable hours at below subsistence pay, in sub-human conditions under the constant threat of summary layoffs without compensation and notice.**

**We demand the Greek Government to withdraw these measures that devastate the economy trapping the country and the people in a never ending cycle of poverty, unemployment and destruction.**

**As long as the Government and the Troika insist on pushing measures to destroy employment and hard won rights, the Greek trade unions will remain determined to fight a prolonged battle.**

**We reject the dogmatic and deadly neoliberal EU /IMF recipe that favours markets and financial elites triggering wartime recession, rocketing unemployment and expansion of poverty.**

**Colleagues and friends,**

**Greece is the laboratory for a colossal 'laissez-faire' experiment that, starting from the periphery, will grip the EU at the expense of Social Europe and its sustaining institutions. Trade unions across Europe should be determined in resisting the expanding wholesale expropriation of our income and our rights that undermines the social model fuelling social unrest, racism and neo-fascist extremism.**

**We call on the government to listen to the voice of the People and refuse the blackmailing demands of creditors.**

**UNITY AND JOINT ACTION CAN HALT THE ONGOING OUTRAGE**