



## **GSEE CALLS GENERAL 48-hour STRIKE ON 6 AND 7 NOVEMBER 2012 TO PROTEST LATEST AUSTERITY MEASURES**

GSEE calls a nationwide 48-hour strike on 6 and 7 November 2012 and a mass rally to protest the new brutal anti-labour and anti-social austerity and deregulation measures to be voted in Parliament.

The new colossal austerity package once again squarely targets workers, pensioners and the poor.

It includes €18, 9 bn. in pension /wage cuts, and taxes frontloading 11 bn. for 2013, €14,3 bn. up by the end of 2014 and other €4,6 bn. for 2015–2016.

Coming on top of 28 bn. of austerity in 2011 the new package will:

- Deal the final blow to the country and the economy that remains swamped in a six year recession of 20%.
- Push the ongoing impoverishment and social dislocation of Greeks to unprecedented levels.
- Propel society to an abyss while elites and tax evaders escape hardship.
- Expropriate the remaining public assets by massive privatisations.
- Wipe out collective bargaining rights and trade unions leading to mass lay-offs: the minimum wage will be set by government legislation below subsistence levels removing all allowances and the only remaining benefit, the 10% family allowance. The new law forbids the extension of the protective framework of collective agreements to all workers.
- Amplify unemployment, now at 25%, where 1,000 people lose their job each day and thousands haven't seen a paycheck in months.

**We demand the rejection of the unacceptable austerity bill and the destructive coercive measures dictated by the Troika to the Government.**

**We oppose the neoliberal dogma that devastates our country and aims to transform the South of Europe into a zone of extreme exploitation and no rights.**

**We remain committed to the coordinated struggle  
of the European trade union movement.**

**Our strike upholds the strong message of unity and resistance  
of the European Action Day on November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**There are culprits – There are solutions**

**Together we can stop these savage policies that devastate economy and society.**