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**Dear Colleagues** 

I am writing to express EPSU support for the general strike that has been called for tomorrow, 6 April. We think that it is vital that trade unions take a stand to defend their members' pay and conditions as inflation increases across Europe. However, we realise that this is even more important in Greece where workers in both the public and private sectors have seen their salaries frozen and cut over a long period. The government and employers need to get a clear message from the trade unions that this cannot go on and that pay rises now should be the start of a process to restore purchasing power.

We also underline our support for the need for increased funding for public services, particularly health and social care, and for urgent action to increase employment and reverse the job cuts imposed during the crisis.

We hope that the strike tomorrow is successful and widely supported across all sectors.

In solidarity

Jan Willem Goudriaan EPSU General Secretary