

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEHAWU SUPPORTS THE GREECE GENERAL STRIKE OF DECEMBER 14, 2017

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The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (NEHAWU) in South Africa is aware of the impending round of anti-worker attacks that is a continuation of the general offensive by Syriza-ANEL government and capital against the working class in Greece led by PAME.

The Greek Working people are confronting a criminal onslaught at the behest of the reactionary government of Syriza-ANEL which acts in cahoots with capitalist monopolies. This offensive hopes to intimidate workers to timidly capitulate to corporate greed and to general attacks on their labour rights, to accept capitalist exploitation, to lower guard in the face of the onslaught on collective bargaining, the reduction of wages and other cuts in gains made by the Greek working people.

We condemn the authoritarian methods of the Syriza-ANEL government to subvert the strikes and protests that are in opposition to their repressive anti-workers measures. As NEHAWU, we fully supports the Greece General Strike of the 14 December 2017 and the demands to:

- Sign a National General Collective Agreement and restore with law the salary of 751 euros for those paid with the basic salary as the minimum basis for increases in the lower salary. Lower wage at 33.57 euros.
- Abolish with law the humiliating salaries of hunger of € 586 and € 511, and no worker to take less than € 751.
- Restore Sectoral Agreements.
- Immediately abolish all anti-workers laws that crash the Collective Agreements.
- Collective Agreements that apply to all and be obligatory. Implementation of the continuing effect until the signing of a new Collective Agreement without any time restriction.
- No to the anti-workers changes that impede the functioning of trade unions, which obstruct the proclamation of strikes and the development of workers' struggles and demands.
- Tax-free limit per person of 20,000 euros, plus 5,000 euros for each child. Remove ENFIA (the tax for residence) and all the extra taxes.
- Prohibition of auctions for the working-popular family. No house in the hands of a banker

As NEHAWU, We express our strong sense of solidarity and internationalism to the militant and class-oriented Greece working people on the occasion of their General strike.

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