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## Welcome message before the 1st May 2015

The May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year finds workers in all countries of the World and of the European Union facing austerity policies, shrinkage of labor rights and social security.

Greek workers in particular have suffered in recent years of a brutal adjustment of their income, drastically reduction of wages, and large tax increases. They have difficulty in accessing a range of goods and social services due to the contraction of the welfare state.

During recent years, many EU trade unions have expressed their solidarity with the struggles of the Greek trade unions against attacks on labor, social security and social rights.

EKA is the organizer this year of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May in Athens. Many trade unionists from several trade union organizations in Europe and around the world have expressed their intention to participate in the celebration that will be held in Athens at 11 am at Klafthmonos Square. We welcome all of them in Athens and we thank them for solidarity.

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