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John Monks, the General Secretary of the

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), joined the massive general Pan-Hellenic strike organised today in Athens by GSEE and Adedy, the Greek ETUC affiliates. He brought greetings and messages of solidarity from the European trade union movement.

"There was no hesitation about bailing out the banks in 2008. They got what they wanted. There was no doctrine of moral hazard then. And today, all EU countries should approach Greece with respect, not tabloid racism; with sympathy, not scorn; with generosity, not suspicion" declared John Monks. "Europe and the Greek government must work together, including with the social partners, to produce a Plan for Recovery. And I mean recovery. I don't mean cuts which will spark depression. I don't mean conditions which will impoverish the country, neither reductions in pay and conditions which will depress demand and power fresh surges in unemployment" he added.

John Monks' speech

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