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AUSTERITY MEASURES: ILO RINGS ALARM BELLS

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The European trade Union Confederation (ETUC) welcomes a recent ILO report strongly criticising austerity measures taken in Greece over the last years. In this year's November session, the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association found a number of repeated and extensive breaches of key principles on collective bargaining and an important deficit of social dialogue, recalling again that these are key fundamental rights, linked to the very basis of democracy and social peace. The Committee further highlighted the need for ILO assistance to restore social dialogue in Greece.

Says Bernadette Ségol, ETUC General Secretary: ***"Under pressure from the Troika, national governments are pushed to take measures which attack collective bargaining rights. We should take seriously the ILO message that this situation cannot continue. The European Union, recently awarded the Peace Nobel Prize, must remember why it was created: to guarantee peace, prosperity and social justice".***

ILO press release: <http://www.ilo.org/brussels/press/p...>

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