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to the Commission

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Subject: Law spelling an end for collective bargaining agreements based on EU directives

With the imperialist US-Israeli attack on Iran escalating, more and more funds are being channelled into the war machine through cuts to workers' rights.

The Nea Demokratia Government's adoption of the unacceptable law on collective bargaining – as part of the strategy followed by the EU and national governments to exploit workers – has ratified the 'social agreement' strengthening employers' influence in collective bargaining. This is yet another mechanism to shield the competitiveness and profitability of corporate groups.

What is the Commission's position on the fact that:

1. the exploitative provisions incorporated into Greek legislation, undermining collective bargaining agreements and contributing to the long-term reduction of wages and the curtailment of labour rights, are based on EU directives such as Directive (EU) 2022/2041 on 'adequate minimum wages' and Directive (EU) 2019/1152 on 'transparent and predictable working conditions in the EU'?
2. in 21 EU Member States, the minimum wage is set by governments, and in 14 of them it is below EUR 1 000 gross, which is based on the fact that Directive (EU) 2022/2041 on 'adequate minimum wages' does not impose a binding obligation to declare collective bargaining agreements universally applicable, but is limited to non-binding 'recommendations' to draw up 'plans in 80 % of Member States to promote agreements', without any obligation to implement them?
3. by placing the State and the pro-employer General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE) in a supervisory role and maintaining all the memorandum laws, the law limits the collective organisation and action of workers and the ability to fight for collective bargaining agreements and labour rights, while strengthening mechanisms for state and employer intervention in the trade union movement, as well as the competitiveness and profitability of corporate and defence industry groups?

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