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TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT  
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GREEK POLITICAL AUTHORITIES  
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EUROPEAN AUTHORITIES  
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GREEK EMBASSY

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of FETE-UGT, one of Spain's leading Education Unions.

The object of this letter is to first of all, show our solidarity with our fellow Colleagues in Greece. We are very concerned as all the budget cuts that the Greek Government has had to comply with in order to receive the bailout have left the education system in a state of near collapse, when, as reputed international studies clearly show that only through Education can countries prosper.

We would also like for your Government to reconsider implementing further austerity measures involving wages and working hours. We have heard reports that in order receive further bailout, European creditors are asking for further cuts in salaries (teacher's have already had pay cuts varying from 25 to 35% which we consider a staggering figure, specially given that they played no part in the current crisis) as well as a six day working week and a further deregulation of the labour market.

The current situation makes it clear the Greek Government as well as other European Governments must make austerity adjustments and take measures in order to be able to leave this terrible crisis behind. However, we ask you to consider and to stop and think about your people, will they be able to survive another round of severe austerity measures? What will become of the, already diminished, healthcare and education schemes? Can you not see that severe austerity measures only lead to further austerity measures?

We ask you to please re-think your social policies and to keep in mind well-being and the future of your country in mind.

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