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to the Commission**

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Subject: Barbaric anti-working class measures taken by the coalition government and the EU-Troika which will demolish social security

The Greek government and the Troika have agreed to launch a fresh assault on workers' rights and are implementing pre-arranged measures contained in the EU's permanent Memoranda.

What is particularly dangerous in all this are the new barbaric measures to axe social security. These include: increasing the period of working time needed to acquire pension rights from 15 to 20 years, increasing the retirement age for thousands of workers, a move which will first affect women (mothers of young children, etc.), the abolition of EKAS (Pensioners' Social Solidarity Allowance), an extension for at least another three years, a freeze on all pensions, etc.

All this demonstrates that each move aimed at boosting corporate profits and competitiveness takes place at the expense of the rights of ordinary working people.

The EU – through the Commission – and the ECB form an integral part of the Troika, which, together with the Greek coalition government, is planning and implementing these anti-working class measures.

How does the Commission respond to the anger and indignation felt by the working people of Greece towards these measures that affect all workers, but especially women and young people, measures which, given the soaring unemployment and generalised flexible working conditions, are leading to the abolition of their right to a pension?