

## **SALUTATION TO THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF GREECE**

**The CGTP-IN salutes the workers and people of Greece who, with great courage and dignity, did not yield to blackmail and ultimatums and exercised their inalienable right of choosing the path they consider best serves their rights and interests and asserted the sovereign will of a people to freely decide on their own destiny and the path they desire for their country. It also demonstrates an unequivocal rejection of the policy of wages and pensions' cuts, of unemployment and company closures, of privatisations and attack on the state social duties, of workers and people's impoverishment and exploitation.**

**The significant defeat imposed on the European institutions and on the IMF, contained in the results of yesterday's referendum, shows that it is possible to say NO to a neoliberal, federalist and militarist policy, in which capital's speculative interests prevail over social and labour rights, over fundamental freedoms and over solidarity among peoples, violating the EU founder Treaties.**

**The result of the referendum also contains a defeat of the PSD/CDS-PP government and of the Republic's President, since they actively intervened, by adding their voices to the monstrous campaign of lies and provocations against the Greek people, trying to condition their vote and forge a different result in the referendum, in an unacceptable anti -democratic action and intolerable interference in an independent and sovereign country.**

**A defeat for the Republic's President and for the Portuguese government, because, on the one hand, they submitted our country to the conditions imposed by the directorate of European Union major powers, submitting our economy to the interests of big economic and financial groups and, on the other, because they bear serious responsibility for the austerity measures adopted and implemented in Portugal and for their brutal economic and social consequences.**

**Using the pretext of economic and financial difficulties, European institutions impose a policy aimed at, in Greece and in Portugal, transferring labour incomes over to capital, thus increasing the process of extortion of the countries' wealth and resources. On the other hand, they are using the Euro as a tool to accentuate economic and social asymmetries among countries and, inside them, among workers and the population in general and the owners of big economic and financial groups.**

**As the CGTP-IN has been defending, and as the referendum on the Greek people confirms, it is possible to inform, mobilise and struggle for a different path for Europe, by proposing a project based on a Europe of free and sovereign nations, with equal rights, of cooperation and peace, with policies responding to the various countries' different levels of development and with the objective of real convergence, with social progress and respect for the will of the peoples.**

**The CGTP-IN reaffirms its total and unequivocal solidarity to the Greek workers, trade union movement and people, who have been fighting against the interference of capital,**

of the European institutions and of the International Monetary Fund, in defence of their legitimate rights and of Greece's sovereignty and future.

An alternative exists. In Greece and in Portugal, the path which protects the people and the country, from the draconian measures imposed by those who are increasingly serving the interests of big capital and big powers, is struggle and resistance and not being subordinate and vassals.

Lisbon, 6 July 2015

CGTP-IN Executive Board