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Appeal for an international day of solidarity with the 595 cleaners of the greek ministry of economics

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We, the 595 cleaners of the Economics Ministry, who had lost our jobs since the 17th of September 2013, we propose to join forces with us and to organise together an International Day of Solidarity on the 20th of September.

We, the 595 cleaners of the Economics Ministry, who had our jobs taken away from us on the 17th of September 2013, so that they can be given to private sub-contractors, have been fighting the last 11 months against the politics of austerity and against those who are imposing it, ie the Samaras government and the Troika.

Every day we are on the street demanding our jobs and our rights, resisting police intimidation and government propaganda. Although we have been vindicated by the Greek judiciary system ,the government is refusing to implement the courts' decision.

We are appealing to all residents associations, social movements, trade unions, women's organisations, political parties and citizens of the world, all of you who don't condone injustice and empathise with its victims, to express your solidarity with our struggle for survival and dignity, which is also your struggle.

We are calling on you to join forces with us and to organise together an International Day of Solidarity

It is proposed that mobilisation takes place between the 15th and 22nd of September, ie the week before the court's final decision on the 595 cleaners, which is set for the 23rd of September. A possible joint Day of Action could be the 20th of September.

The target could be various solidarity activities, like public meetings and mass rallies, mobilisations outside Greek Embassies, the IMF offices in Washington, the Central European Bank headquarters in Frankfurt and anywhere else you choose. We are already preparing for a delegation of the fighting cleaners to join a demonstration at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, either on the 16th or the 17th of September.

If you are willing to join this initiative, please let us know by the 30th of August, so that we can have a picture of which cities and countries are going to participate.

Please also look at our website and facebook page

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