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Companeras and Companeros

We traveled from the other side of the world to convey and solidify together with you all, the solidarity and the need to strengthen the motion of the water with the wish and above all the faith that all of us may be able to rescue perhaps the most precious good Water.

And as we all know the water and above all the accessibility to clean drinking water for the majority and mainly for the non-occupants is in direct danger

And it is in danger mainly due to the unsatisfactory appetite of the international capital that he sees in the water as the new 21st century gold mine blue gold as we say

With this situation, Greek waters could not be in better place in our country most of the waters globally that lead the capital to privatize them , and in our case it plays a decisive role by using governments as their long-held hands for further profits without regard to the non-holders indifferent to the environment, indifferent to life.

But it is the citizens it is the movements it is the conscience people that struggle with this politics and try to overthrow this situation so George from thessaloniki and me from athens hope to inform you about the situation in greece.

As i suppose you all know our country is in financial crisis over the past nine years IMF and european union have strangled our people demanding more and more sacrifices from people which has nothing else to give.

So they discovered the new magic word reforms which in our case means privatization and naturally the water is in their core priorities.

But to be able to do that it would have to go through a great deal of water movements which in Greece is perhaps one of the most constitutive of the people who, in an overwhelming majority, wants the water to remain in public control.

So they thought something else to deceive the people they call it super fund, and put in it among others the two largest water supply companies EYDAP of Athens and EYATH of Thessaloniki and presented it to the people as a state organization, while in reality it is a 100% privatization of water.

so in the fund' s main purpose , it is characteristic that the public water companies lose their core characteristic which until know is to serve the public and changing this strategy to obey a new rule generating profit to pay debts and if this is not enough for 99 years will be controlled by a council that is appointed and instructed by the lenders IMF and EUROPEAN UNION

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At this point we are now, the current government despite the left agenda acts, like the previous neo liberal ones, they completely surrendered to the international capital and the lenders whose main objective is to control every source of life and, above all, the water.

Against this predetermined state there are forces that can change the flow towards privatization, obvious and there are, and one of these forces for the Athens water movement is SEKES , and I represent it here today with only one purpose, to raise and strengthen our voice together with yours against water privatization.

Our movement in the past six years has attempted to highlight the issue of privatization of water in all corners of Greece with speeches and presentations an over the last two years we have been focusing on Athens and its suburbs.

Apart from the speeches and presentations We do not underestimate the activism and as workers the alliance with the society

we have therefore proceeded to symbolic occupation of the company's buildings in magnificent mobilizations for the company's history with events and demonstrations in the Parliament when the new law was being voted who shaken the government and delay the program till now

beside all of this, we have not left the path of justice untouched and yet in our country the justice it suppose to be blind full, but it closes her eyes to the citizens and she opens her eyes to the power(government, international capital,e.t.c)anyway we take advantage and this route features so we made insurance measures to not share the profits off public company EYDAP to the shareholders.

This move is maybe the latest period, perhaps the most anti-capitalist act that has taken place in our country. On the day when the general assembly was programmed workers and citizens occupy the assembly, which was postponed.

After that company's administration and the government in panic planned a new assembly in the Athens Stock Exchange with strong police repression against citizens and workers. Naturally, they did not scare us at all on the contrary we were taught further and and we approached the court to cancel the distribution of dividends to shareholders, and at the same time we demanded

recruitment of regular full-time staff to reduce unemployment

to allocate the necessary funds to ensure access to drinking water for the economic, social and health care vulnerable,

network and infrastructure investments

to improve wage conditions for employees

Another front that we give great importance and we create alliances with the society is the universal accessibility of water to the poor and in cooperation with city movements and in this field we have very important successes.

In this area it is characteristic that at the last conference of our federation it was universal the decision for trade union coverage of workers who would refuse to cut the water to our fellow citizens.

A key parameter in defending the resource is in our opinion the internationalization off the problem and with this logical, movement from all over Greece have visited the European Parliament where we have tabled our views on the group of the European Left and in this sense we are today with you to learn from your own experiences and transport ours.

Off course we have a very good coordination with the union off thessaloniki and we contribute to the historic referendum which showed that the majority of citizens want the water to remain in public hands

The latest development that is currently in place is the appeal of workers and citizens to the hellenic council off state in order to cancel the membership off athens water company EYDAP to the new private superfund.

Dear Companeras and Companeros

Globalization of the capital did not account for a crucial factor and here allow me to make an example from Greek mythology Achilles from Homer's epic poem The Iliad,who maybe is fearless but he had one vulnerability–his “Achilles heel.”which is the reason off his end by an arrow

So today i say each and every one off you my fellow comrades, let us become the bow and the arrow that will bring the final blow to those who see water as a profit let them hear our voices water is life and we will protect it at all cost

Muito obrigada