



# Resolution on Greece

## Resolution on Call to Stop attacks on the shipbuilding workers in Greece and Solidarity with Panhellenic Metal Workers' Federation (POEM)

*The shipbuilding workers in Greece, members of IndustriALL Global Union's affiliate Panhellenic Metal Workers' Federation (POEM), have been suffering from the severe attacks by their Government. Victims of severely deteriorating and precarious working conditions for over a year, the workers at the Hellenic Shipyard in Skaramanga went on strike on 4th October 2012. Their jobs were being used as pawns in a dispute between the shipyard operators and the Greek Ministry of Defence for which the site exclusively builds submarines and navy vessels. The shipyard workers' wages have not been paid for a whole year but the Ministry has remained indifferent to their plight. Clashes with police forces occurred during a subsequent protest action at the Ministry of Defence which led to the arrest of workers.*

*As a result of the attacks by the Police and the Ministry, charges against 12 trade unionists, including POEM's President, were filed and their struggle has been carried into the courts. The court hearing took place on 1 October 2013, but the ruling was postponed to 5 May 2014. Meanwhile, the unlawful halt of salary payments to shipyard workers of Skaramanga continues.*

*IndustriALL Global Union firmly stands with the Greek shipbuilding workers and their trade union POEM in the fight for stop the attacks on collective agreements and trade union autonomy.*

*IndustriALL Global Union, together with IndustriAll European Trade Union will continue to take action to drop the charges against Greek trade union activists and to find fair and just solution for the Skaramanga workers.*

