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To **Yannis Stefanopoulos**
President of POEM

Dimitris Tsioumpris
General Secretary of POEM

Dear Yanni and Dimitri,

in this difficult and dramatic moment for your country, for your people, for the Greek workers, I would like to express on behalf of Fiom-Cgil, all the closeness and solidarity of the Italian metalworkers.

The economic crisis caused by the finance is going to discharge itself exclusively on the workers' shoulders, leaving all the problems and deformations untouched.

The financial speculation continues and reaches and attacks the independence of the single countries, starting from Greece and imposes antisocial tasks to survive in the European Union.

Europe doesn't answer in the right way and try to use your crisis to cut labour rights, social security, collective bargaining, the dignity of the work.

Some European leaders don't shame saying that "Greece" is a warning for all the other countries.

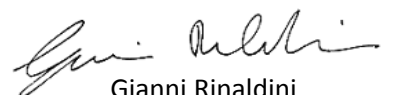
We are aware of that. It is for this reason that we feel your struggle to avoid unfair social tasks, as our struggle. If the Greek workers will lose their rights all the European workers will be weaker.

We want to express to you and your confederation, to all the Greek metalworkers, our solidarity and support to your general strike of 5th of May, and to your struggle which will continue longer.

We will ask in all European unions' meeting concrete initiatives of solidarity to support the Greek workers.

We stand by you!

In solidarity


Gianni Rinaldini
General Secretary of Fiom-Cgil