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To: The Secretary-General.

Sir,

The World Federation of Trade Unions, which has never ceased to show its concern for the establishment of the freedom of trade unions in Greece, wishes today to register with the United Nations a solemn protest against the new attack which has just been delivered in that country on the fundamental rights of the workers.

In defiance of the general principles contained in the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations, the Greek Government promulgated on 7 December 1947 a law for the suppression of strikes. The provisions of that law are such that they will inevitably constitute a formidable instrument in the hands of a biased judicature entrusted with the interpretation of the text. Its application will represent a permanent contravention of international law.

It is impossible for a democratic conscience not to protest against the promulgation of such a text, the provisions of which recall the most reactionary laws of the Fascist countries, which the democrats of the whole world have unceasingly opposed.

And it is with the support of millions of workers represented in the W.F.T.U. that we ask you to submit our organization's strong protest to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Louis Sallent,
Secretary-General
