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Happy New Year!

On behalf of PSI, we extend season's greetings to all of you and wish you success in meeting all of your goals in the coming year. We would also like to express our gratitude to members and leaders of all PSI affiliates and solidarity support organisations for their continued support, to members of the various PSI constitutional bodies for their valuable collaboration and, last but not least, to the PSI staff in the regions and in Ferney-Voltaire for their contribution and commitment.

Why we need public spending

This report, commissioned by PSI from the Public Services International Research Unit in October 2010, is a powerful reminder that public investment in public services and social benefits is central to social and economic development, and is more efficient than leaving such services to be supplied by the market.

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Haiti: Promising to do something and actually doing it are two different things

After the January 12 earthquake in Haiti the world, through various national, regional and international organisations, pledged its support through contributions both in money and in kind. But by the beginning of October 2010, only four countries had honoured their commitments. What about the others?.

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Human rights central to issues of migration and development

According to the United Nations, there are around 215 million people today who live and work outside their countries of birth. About half of these international migrants are women, working to support their families and communities back home. PSI affiliates marked 18 December - International Migrants Day with a variety of events.

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Austerity protests highlight workers' solidarity

The European Federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU-PSI) heeded the call by the European Trade Union Confederation and organised a day of action on 15 December to protest austerity measures proposed by governments and the European Commission.

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Speaking out against discrimination on International Human Rights Day

On 10 December 2010, we commemorated International Human Rights Day, recognising all human rights defenders who act to end discrimination. PSI pays tribute to all trade unionists who stand up and speak out against discrimination and inequality, often at great personal cost.

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PSI job vacancies

Public Services International has vacancies for two officer positions based in the PSI Head Office in Ferney-Voltaire, France. Excellent English, high-level qualifications and previous experience are required for both positions. The deadline for applications is 30 January 2011.

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