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### PSI World News

#### **Haiti earthquake: PSI solidarity appeal**

On behalf of all PSI affiliates, we send our heartfelt condolences to the people of Haiti after the massive earthquake that hit that country on Tuesday 12th January, and offer our solidarity in the aftermath of this tragic event. PSI members are asked to support our affiliate sisters and brothers in Haiti in the rebuilding of their union and country, through contributions to the PSI Aid Fund.

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#### **Ögmundur Jónasson leads democratic opposition in Iceland**

Ögmundur Jónasson, a member of the Executive Boards of PSI and EPSU and of the Parliament of Iceland, is leading the opposition to the unfair treatment of Iceland by the governments of the UK and the Netherlands. The movement has succeeded in getting the President of Iceland to refuse to sign legislation that would impose onerous conditions on Iceland's population.

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#### **Quebec cartoons add a pinch of humour to negotiations**

The Quebec Public Sector Union (SFPQ), a PSI affiliate, has created a series of animated cartoons

based on the negotiations between the union and the government and the importance of quality public services.

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### **Unions in Canada and Europe alarmed by proposed trade deal**

PSI affiliates in Canada CUPE, NUPGE AND PSAC, together with the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), have published a joint report criticising the proposed economic and trade agreement between the European Union and Canada.

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### **GLU Conference: call for papers**

The Global Labour University Conference will be held in Berlin, 14-16 September 2010. It will look at how labour markets have been hit in a fundamental way by the financial crisis, and the organisers are calling for papers to be presented to the conference.

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### **Greece: cuts will affect the public sector**

Greece has adopted big budget cuts designed to lower the country's 300 billion euro debt. One measure adopted by the Greek government is a decision not to hire any new public servants in 2010. PSI affiliate ADEDY has announced plans for a nationwide strike in February to protest the government's austerity measures.

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### **Better conditions for Australian workers**

New minimum employment standards that came into effect on 1 January will be good for all Australian workers, say unions.

The 10 National Employment Standards set out minimum entitlements for all workers that cannot be taken away under any circumstances.

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### **Best Practices Guide for Pension Systems**

PSI affiliate the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has released a new report on pension plan governance. "Enhancing Public Retiree Pension Plan Security: Best Practice Policies for Trustees and Pension Systems" serves as a road map for improving pension plan governance.

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### **New Communications Coordinator**

We welcome Teresa Marshall, the new PSI Communications Coordinator, who will be working from our head office in France. Teresa began her career as a television journalist in Vancouver, Canada, and has worked for more than 20 years since as a social justice media and campaigns strategist, and award-winning filmmaker.

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### **New PSI Regional Secretary for Africa and Arab countries**

Welcome to David Dorkenoo, the new PSI Regional Secretary for Africa and Arab countries. David is a Ghanaian national with a strong trade union background. He will start working on 1st February

and will be based in the regional office in Lomé, Togo.

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### **Five-year stress campaign in Denmark**

Regional, municipal and union representatives in Denmark have jointly published a short booklet in which they present how they have implemented the European framework agreement on work-related stress.

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### **Labour film resources**

Every year, PSI participates in the Geneva Labour Film Shorts Festival, organised by the Global Unions. It is one of many similar festivals held around the world. The online labour film festival site and labour film database are a vital resource for union film fans everywhere, and a 434-page guide to 350 labour films can also be bought online.

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