

Prime Minister
Antonis Samaras
Hellenic Republic of Greece

Nyon/Brussels, 7 November 2013

ERT belongs to the people

Dear Prime Minister Samaras,

We condemn the raid on the headquarters of ERT of 7 November.

Your government seeks to silence “ERT open” run by our colleagues and former ERT staff since 5 months and who preserve independent and universal public service broadcasting in Greece.

We stand with the ERT staff, our affiliate POSPERT and our sisters and brothers of the Journalists Union as well as with all citizens who support and want ERT alive.

Your government's actions since 11 June are pure censorship. The broadcasting staff and unions at ERT open are defending democracy and public service values. There was no economic reason to shut down ERT in the first place. It was a deliberate political decision to silence independent media.

We call on the Greek government to reverse the incomprehensible and dangerous decision to shut down ERT and to take up the proposals of the workers and their unions at ERT regarding the reform of ERT.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip J. Jennings'.

Philip J. Jennings
General Secretary
UNI Global Union

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Röthig'.

Oliver Röthig
Regional Secretary
UNI Europa