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For many years, EUROMIL, as a European umbrella organisation of military associations and trade unions, has been monitoring developments in the Greek defense forces and, above all, the aspects affecting military personnel and their families. EUROMIL defends the principle of "Citizen in Uniform" and the variant "Worker In Uniform" whereby military personnel must be treated as full citizens and employees with equal duties and rights, albeit in balance with their specific tasks and assignments.

Based on regular reports from our esteemed and very active Greek member association PFEARFU, EUROMIL notes that in recent years of the current legislature few or none of the proposed election promises have been translated into concrete measures.

Our colleagues, and through them also EUROMIL, were informed through the media about a bill that is supposed to tackle several problems. In addition, a decision was recently taken by the Greek government to involve the armed forces in forest firefighting with a 24-hour patrol.

EUROMIL believes that this is not an acceptable working method. Social dialogue and mutual respect for social partners on an equal footing between employers and employees are basic principles that are necessary in any democracy and key for a good relationship with employees of all sectors and ranks. The armed forces with their personnel and their families are no exception. Governments and representatives of a modern democratic society should feel it as a moral obligation to treat their military personnel with due respect for social dialogue as dignified citizens, albeit in uniform, of their country and, above all, the international community.

EUROMIL therefore urgently calls on the Greek Government to enter into real consultations with the rightful representatives of its military personnel regarding the current situation of the Greek Armed Forces and in particular its primary wealth, its military personnel.

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