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GLOBAL POLITICAL SITUATION

After the general elections of 2011 took up a new coalition government pledged to fulfill the memorandum agreed with the Troika (European Commission, International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank), which has resulted in great austerity measures, with deep decrease in the purchasing power of Portuguese people, rising unemployment and bankruptcy of many companies.

On 17 May 2014 this program ended and the Government has announced that, as Ireland, Portugal chose a "clean exit".

The policy of austerity imposed by the Troika reached all the middle class, but essentially civil servants and pensioners; on the other hand, unemployment reached numbers never before achieved, which has led, on the one hand, the massive emigration of young people with college degrees, and on the other an increasing number of unemployed over 50 years that hardly will return to join the labor market.

The public debt, which at the entrance of the Troika was around 80% of GDP, is currently in 131%, which, coupled with high interest rates that the country is funded places serious doubts about the ability to meet its obligations.

HEALTH POLICY

In health, remain generalized and blind cuts.

The Government has announced a restructuring of the public hospital network that which will lead to, if implemented, the closure of services, some of them fulfilling the criteria for being centers of excellence.

The Government recently issued an order prohibiting doctors from receiving gifts from their patients but more serious than that preventing doctors to report situations of malfunction in the institutions of the NHS.

WORKING CONDITIONS OF DOCTORS

The Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between unions and the Government in October 2012, is being implemented with great resistance from the Health Ministry, they discover all kinds of ploys to try to boycott it.

Moreover, they intensify the persecution of trade unionists doctors, already with one case of dismissal of a union leader.

The two Unions and the Portuguese Medical Association remain united in the defense of physicians, against the arbitrariness of management and the enforcement of respect for what has been agreed.

PORTUGUESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

There as been elections in December 2013 for the PMA, José Manuel Silva remains as President, but the board as changed with new teams in center and south regions (Carlos Cortes and Jaime Mendes are the new leaders, respectively) and Miguel Guimarães remains in the north region.

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