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# **BORDERS ARE WOUNDS ON THE PLANET'S BODY**

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This text in your hands is a simple act of communication and an expression of our solidarity to you. We are everyday people, most of us spend our days working in low income jobs or searching for a job. We don't belong to a charity or religious foundation nor to an NGO. We don't have any relation with the Greek State and its institutions nor do we belong to a political Party. We choose to act against all kinds of authority in a self-determinant way.

We understand the reasons and the circumstances that forced you to leave your countries. Civil wars, military actions of NATO and Europe in Asia and Africa, the plunder of natural resources, all of which become more intense due to the crisis and lead people deeper into poverty, misery and finally to uprooting. The states responsible for the war, the dispossession and the instability are also responsible for constructing the "Fortress-Europe", trying to keep immigrants out. Those same states and traffickers are responsible for the thousands of refugees drowning in the seas of Southern Europe, for the imprisonment of thousands of people in concentration camps and for the modern slavery at the fields, the factories, the households and the brothels.

It is not our intention to provide instructions or advice for your difficult journey. You definitely know what to expect and furthermore, you are about to experience directly what "Fortress-Europe" really means. We just want to say one thing: the only way to freedom is through our

own struggles. Nobody can save us unless we act on our own. Some refugees have already struggled here in Greece, a few years before your arrival. 300 immigrants went on a hunger strike demanding residence permit, Egyptian fishermen in Thessaloniki struggled for their labor rights, migrant workers in strawberry fields at Peloponnese (Manolada-Peloponisos) struggled against the harsh working conditions, common struggles of natives and immigrants managed to shut down a concentration camp at Mytilene (Lesvos island) and more.

We express our solidarity to all the people who are forced to flee and fight for survival by the worldwide capitalist redistribution of wealth and power. Standing against social cannibalism, we try not to forget that this same redistribution of wealth has already and will continue to entail same or similar experiences for us: people being chased away, becoming homeless or long term unemployed, people thrown out of hospitals and prevented from satisfying basic needs etc.

Our common enemies are the bosses who steal our lives, the states which keep us subject to the interests of those in power, the racism, the fascism, the intolerance, the borders, the war.

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**COMMON STRUGGLES OF NATIVES AND IMMIGRANTS  
FOR A WORLD OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, SOLIDARITY  
AGAINST THE DEVALUATION OF OUR LIVES**