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ATHENS (Reuters) — Olympic Airways staff will hold a three-hour work stoppage on Tuesday to protest a recently announced government plan to revitalize the ailing national carrier, union representatives said Sunday.

The strike is a response to management proposals that include a wage freeze, a 45-hour workweek, cutbacks in the number of cabin crew and cuts and mergers of flight routes.

Greece said last week that it would shut down Olympic Airways unless the company found ways to slash costs by 250 billion drachmas (\$775 million) over five years.