

## **Intervention of chairperson JP (Juha-Pekka) Väisänen of the Communist Party of Finland**

Extraordinary Teleconference of the World Communist and Workers Parties IMCWP

"The international economic, political, and military developments. The experience from the struggle of the Communist and Workers' Parties and the peoples. Solidarity with Cuba, the Palestinian people, and all the peoples struggling against sanctions, machinations, and imperialist aggression."

Extraordinary Teleconference of the World Communist and Workers Parties IMCWP takes place in serious health and economy crises. In all catastrophes like the crises, we live at the moment the big capital and profit makers are making a new deal for the good of the capital. We are at the times where the rich become richer and the poor face realities without access to basic human rights, health care and right to work.

The Communist party of Finland is happy that we the communists can unite our forces. Dark times demand our collaboration.

The Communist Party of Finland wishes to invite progressive forces, NGOs from civil societies and red-green and communist parties to next year's 2022 round table of environment and peace issues. We wish to organize an international hybrid Peace and Environment Round table event physically in Finland and in the zoom. You are invited.

We have international history in environmental and issues of peace. You might remember that the so-called Arctic Initiative took place 6 of June 2016 in Helsinki. It was a joint initiative and an open forum for political parties, NGO's, civil societies activists – environmental-

peace- and human rights and indigenous rights organizations, workers and individual activists, of the Communist Party of Finland and the Environmental Working Group of the Party of the European Left.

In the invitation to the event organizers underlined that International global neoliberal plans to exploit the natural resources hit the Arctic. Confrontation of the NATO and Russia is present. Indigenous rights are oppressed by the interests of the big capital. Time urges political parties, NGO's, environmental – human rights and peace organizations activists, investigators and researchers, workers, artists and intellectuals to make a statement and participate in common discussion about environment-security and human right issues in the Arctic.

Arctic Initiative from its beginning stated clearly to function as a tool to make collective radical leftist argumentation in Arctic issues stronger. In the Spirit of Arctic Initiative several concrete initiatives were formulated for all participants to take the Initiatives as new collective tools for the work in demanding change in current political situation in the Arctic.

We wish to go further from here. It is necessary to bring all peace building and climate change fighting forces together and make a action plan for future. Let's meet again in Finland!

We need to

to support the movements and activities of the indigenous peoples for self-determination.

to support the activities of the indigenous peoples against the capitalist exploitation of the environment and the natural resources of their territories.

to end collaboration with NATO, leave Partnership for Peace and the Host Nation Agreement.

to struggle for peace inseparable from the anti-capitalist struggle  
to coordinate and strengthen common actions between all parties  
and organizations in the future

to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement on the  
climate - because everything is registered but everything remains to  
do.

to demand as requested by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on  
Climate Change), of the States concerned to leave fossil fuels in the  
Arctic subsoil. We promote the campaign “keep it in the ground”

to stop the military escalation and to remove the surface soil-, sea-  
and air-presence of national armies or a block such as NATO

to demand more public research on climate evolution, the  
preservation of biodiversity and on renewable energy systems.

to the development of mutually beneficial cooperation with the  
Arctic peoples and the respect of indigenous peoples' traditions.

to ask Europe to contribute to the development of a treaty, within  
the Arctic Council and together with indigenous peoples, similar to  
the Antarctic one, which would silence the territorial claims. Such a  
treaty would ensure, in the interest of all mankind, that the Arctic  
would be used only for peaceful purposes and research, as well as it  
would not become the scene or object of international dispute.

The Communist Party of Finland wishes to strengthen international  
class struggle and collaboration in between communists and  
progressive political forces. We think that civil societies movements  
are in the core of our struggle. The Communist Party of Finland  
wishes to work with The Communist and Workers Parties Solid net –  
network. We see this highly important. We also are inspired and take  
part in the World political parties international process of dialogue  
initiated by the Communist Party of China. As member of the  
European Left the Communist Party of Finland is part of European

progressive forces policymaking. We also wish to strengthen the arctic and Baltic-sea region collaboration among progressive and communist forces.

The Communist party of Finland wishes to thank the organizing parties The Communist Party of Greece and the Communist Party of Turkey for organizing Extraordinary Teleconference of the World Communist and Workers Parties IMCWP. Class struggle needs well organized structures. Comrades, Thank You for your important work!

Long live Solidarity!

Long live Peace!

Long live International Class Struggle!

The Communist Party of Finland

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