

The Role of Spain in the International Economic, Political, and Military Juncture. The Action of the Social Democratic Government

Solidarity with the Peoples of the World that Are Suffering the Imperialist Attacks and Manoeuvres

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Dear comrades,

The current international juncture is totally uncertain worldwide. Almost two years have already elapsed since the appearing of the Covid-19 pandemic, which accelerated a crisis whose causes were already taking shape before, and whose effects are being still felt in all the spheres —economic, political, military— of the international scene of class struggle.

First, the governments and institutions announced that this crisis would be a V-shaped crisis, i.e. a fast drop followed by a fast recovery. The communists warned that this was fiction and, actually, the macroeconomic recovery is being delayed. Even though there were data on a GDP growth, the situation for the Spanish working class is increasingly harder. Is it therefore difficult to foresee when the crisis catalyzed by the pandemic will be finally overcome.

The crisis is felt in every development, although some countries are already showing growth numbers. Actually, the value and supply chains of capital are constantly staggering; any movement or clash between imperialist powers, or any development like the Suez Canal obstruction by the *Ever Given* cargo ship can generate unexpected outcomes.

At an international level, a common practice during these two years was the resort to policies of financial support with public funds. As an example, in July 2020 the European Council agreed on the constitution of a Recovery Fund equal to €750 billions —the so-called “Next Generation EU”—. Spain would receive 140 billions from this fund.

However, such a funds transfer has not been planned as a EU benefit. A part of those funds are coming as credits that shall be returned in the future, and another part is conditioned to the carrying out of an important and ambitious set of measures —linked to the EU recommendations— by the member states.

In our country, most of these funds are being invested in the so-called ecological and digital transformations, which in spite of their sweetened name, they are nothing but transfers to private capital to reach a new expansive cycle of capitalism through the transfer of incomes from labor to capital.

This June, Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, and NATO General Secretary, Jens Stoltenberg, announced the holding of the next NATO summit in Madrid on June 29-30, 2022. This date matches the 40th anniversary of the accession of Spain to this imperialist alliance.

In this summit, the aim is to formulate a new “strategic concept” that will deepen the aggressiveness of NATO. The development of the “NATO 2030” agenda places our country in the spearhead of the aggressive USA and EU imperialist plans against the southern Mediterranean, Sahel and the Middle East. This is manifested in a fiercer aggressiveness in the competition between Russia, China, the EU and the United States. The preparation of war is what is guiding the true NATO agenda.

The increase in capital exports from China to Africa and their military presence in some of the African countries, as well as the larger influence in the Middle East of both Russia and China, have turned this region in the main scene of conflict for the control of markets, energy reserves, and gas and oil routes.

Even though the economic growth after the 2020 recession has caused some changes in the speech of the Social Democratic Government in Spain, reality is increasingly tougher for the working class in our country. Since September 2021, our Party has been struggling against a process of constant rise of prices and electricity fees, and overall to an increase of dearness in Spain. We have called several demonstrations all over the country and organized popular assemblies. The goal is to organize the working class and the people against the voraciousness of capitalist monopolies, for nationalization and for workers’ control.

We are working to unveil that capitalism is the problem, that the private ownership of productive means is the problem, that the lack of economic planning is the problem. We are told that there is no alternative, but it is not true. The alternative is Socialism which, far from being an utopian dream, is born from the working class, from a class increasingly larger and that wakes up everyday to make every gear of our society work.

In our recently held 2nd Congress of the Communist Party of the Workers of Spain, this national and international situation was analyzed, and the question of solidarity with the peoples struggling against the imperialist aggression was approached. In this Congress, several statements in solidarity with Cuba, Western Sahara and the Communist Party of Venezuela were approved.

The PCTE expresses its internationalist solidarity to the Cuban working class and the Cuban people, to its vanguard, the Communist Party of Cuba, and to the leadership of a Revolution that put an end to centuries of oppression and exploitation and, along with Socialism-Communism, conquered the real independence of Cuba, first subdued by Spanish colonialism and later by the US imperialist interference. We condemn the recent mobilizations that are taking place in the island since July 11, which are an obvious provocation against Cuba and its toiling people.

Despite that, Cuba is rising with dignity the banner of resistance and revolution. Like we said in a statement in our 2nd Congress, the conquests of the Cuban revolution are a heritage not only for their protagonists —the Cuban working class—, but they are also a heritage of the international class struggle. As such, actions are required to defend them.

We take the opportunity of the extraordinary meeting to convey our greeting and acknowledgment to the work made by the Communist Party of Venezuela. On November 21, it faced the local and regional elections, in which the PCV and Revolutionary People’s Alternative candidacies endured all kinds of barriers and obstacles. We support the effort of

the PCV to struggle for the wealth of the country to be owned by those who produce it: their working class.

We also want to convey our solidarity to the Sahrawi people against the Moroccan occupation forces. 46 years after the Tripartite Agreement of Madrid —signed by Spain, Morocco and Mauritania—, the decolonization of Western Sahara is still being delayed. There is an escalation in the violence used to maintain the Moroccan rule, and the role of the Spanish Government is being an accomplice of the situation of misery and suffering for a people condemned to live in refugee camps, separated from their own land by a shameful wall of more than 2,700 km.

The PCTE insists in its internationalist solidarity with the Sahrawi people and the Polisario Front and supports their right, by all the possible and necessary means, to complete the process of decolonization in Western Sahara and create a State whose form and structure should be chosen, freely and without interferences, by the Sahrawi working class.

Last, we also want to denounce the growing Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people and the attacks leaving dozens of dead and wounded people. This situation of occupation, repression and slaughter should end in order to create an independent Palestinian State, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in the 1967 borders. We support the Palestinian people to choose their own path, the return of refugees in other countries, and the liberation of the political prisoners.

Comrades,

The international situation is complex. The inter-imperialistic contradictions are growing. This requires the Communist and Workers' Parties to not tremble while making a rigorous political and ideological analysis of the developments discussed in this meeting. By doing so, we will be in conditions to make conclusions for our practical activity that will define the united strategy the international working class needs and place our work in the next level of coordination.