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Extraordinary Teleconference of the IMCWP

Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia



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## Introduction

Dear comrades, on behalf of the Socialist Workers' Party and on my own behalf, I greet all participants in the teleconference and I thank the organizers Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Greece for organizing this important event and for the invitation.

## The international economic, political, and military developments

As we all know major economic crisis is upcoming. Already before COVID-19 pandemic prospect of near-future economic crisis was in the predictions and now situation is even worsen by the pandemic and response to pandemic that lead us to inflation that most countries experience now. While pandemic will have a big role in severity of this crisis it will probably be used as scapegoat for this crisis and it is up to communist parties to combat this narrative. We should be here to explain to people that this crisis is inevitable and that it is part of the capitalist system and not consequence of unfortunate events like pandemic.

In Croatia, as in many other countries, there are growing masses of people who protest measures against the pandemic and we can witness growing distrust of people towards their governments because of slow and inefficient response to the pandemic and economic hardship. In any circumstance people waking up to the fact that they can't trust their government would be a good thing but sadly far-right fascist elements are finding fertile grounds in the masses and are pushing disinformation and racist, xenophobic and anti-semitic conspiracy theories to gain more people towards their cause. It's an old story, fascists using legitimate anger of the people to confuse people and they lead them on a wrong path, and that is why communist parties should be more active in these times and inform people about true causes of their hardships and to raise their class consciousness.

Severity of the situation is not lost on the ruling class. New tensions are rising in the Balkans. Separatism is growing in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, Croatia have bought new fighter planes from France, Serbia increased its military budget, etc. USA, UK and Australia have formed new alliance against China and there are still harsh sanctions against enemies of US empire like Cuba, Venezuela and Iran. It seems that local and global powers are preparing to take advantage of this crisis if opportunity presents itself but we also must not forget great developments in South America where left wing ideals are finding their home and left-aligned parties and communist parties are finding success in countries like Nicaragua, Peru and Chile. All communist parties must closely follow the global and local situation to prepare their response to new developments.

## Solidarity with Cuba, the Palestinian people, and all the peoples struggling against the sanctions, machinations, and imperialist aggression

Our party, together with Party of Labour of Austria(Partei der Arbeit), organized event with ambassador of Cuba to the Republic of Austria Loipa Sánchez Lorenzo where we learned about hardships endured by the Cuban people due to economic blockade of the country by the USA but also achievements of Cuban people

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and their successful response to the pandemic in spite of the blockade. Our youth wing, Young Socialists, also organized few events in support of Cuba and have written articles to spread awareness and grow support for lifting of the sanctions. Likewise we also try to do whatever is in our power to raise awareness to anti imperialist struggle of Palestinian people and every other anti-imperialist struggle. I would like to use this opportunity to call on others to do and keep doing whatever you can to help anti-imperialist cause of people who are currently suffering from imperialist attacks.