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Opening Speech of Communist Party, Turkey

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Dear comrades,

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I welcome you to the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties. As the Communist Party in Turkey, we are very glad to see our comrades from all over the world here in Istanbul. I assure you that we try our best for a productive, secure and comradely meeting that is realized under continuously changing and quite challenging circumstances. Yet all we can do is to apologize in advance for any sort of possible inconveniences.

I don't prefer to start with the cliché phrase that "in these difficult times we've been passing through..." There has never been an easy time for the working class movement. It is not surprising that today capitalist classes attack on labor movement and strive to abolish all the acquirements that working classes has gained along centuries, they have done each time when capitalism passed through successive economic and political crisis. It is not surprising that contradictions among imperialist powers deepen and the threat of war and fascism rise.

It is true that this threat implies additional difficulties for the communists. Restrictions, bans, arrests, persecutions, murders... We have countless examples of such aggressions by the bourgeoisie in the history of communist movement. Right here, in our country, communists were forced to engage in clandestine struggle for decades. Today is no exception. There is only one meaning of the unjust implementations that we do and will protest in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Hungary, Baltic countries and others: we cannot speak of any real freedom or democracy under capitalism!

Comrades,

There are no reasons to tell that certain periods provide "smoother" conditions for the communists. And, I mean the periods when capitalism gains relative stability and extend the scope of bourgeois democracy due to one reason or the other. Of course, this can be asserted only if we are still committed to our only reason for being: the claim to establish a classless society free from exploitation. A stabilized capitalism would not and does not resolve exploitation, unemployment, inequalities, poverty and the possibility of crisis. The stability of capitalism provides dominant class with additional opportunities to deceive working masses. In that regard, the difficulties for the communists increase in certain ways.

Dear comrades,

We must get rid of capitalism. Humanity can no longer put

4 up with this barbarism. I dare to declare this in a country where we faced with one of the worst electoral results a communist party can get, just four months ago.

I dare it not because we are dreamers, utopians, adventurers or fools, but because we are communists!

It is clear that the struggle for socialism demands patience and persistence. We would not make a revolution but create caricatures, with a voluntarism that does not take into account objective conditions, nor we would without taking pains. Caricature is an impressive, creative and cheerful art; yet those who become caricatures themselves in politics would cheer no one but our enemy.

And this is not all! What would cheer our enemy, the capitalist class, is the claim to socialism being sunk in the oblivion.

Comrades,

The history of the communist movement is full of great victories and achievements. Taking it further, I can say that if the communists were taken out from the history of last 160 years, the world would not only turn into a hell, but it would become barren in every sense of the word. The communists left their mark on their epochs in the fields of science, art and culture.

Than why are we less influential today?

We must bravely ask this question. We must do so, in order that our enemy cannot cheer up anymore.

We are less influential today, since the very idea; the very hope that another world is possible has been on the wane. It is a deadly blow for the communist movement if the goal for socialist revolution loses its actuality. Although it is true that the communists take sides with peace and freedom; their historical legitimacy stems from nothing but their goal for a classless society.

The goal of socialist revolution was on the first rank in 1919, when the Comintern was established, not because the member parties were powerful. We all know that many of the parties, which took the name of "communist" then, were not any stronger than the parties that we call "small" today. The advancement of the October Revolution proved the intermittent and surging features of the struggle for socialism. The Russian revolutionaries won a victory, in which no one would believe a couple of years prior to 1917. Today, socialism is not any farther away than in 1914, and it cannot be so!

We know this by our experiences in this country.

Dear comrades,

If I ask you what comes to your mind as revolutionary politicians when you hear the name Turkey... It is a beautiful and lively country both with its historical and natural riches. It is the homeland of the great poet Nazim Hikmet, and it is the homeland of dedicated revolutionaries. Yet that is not all. You would definitely think of military coups, fascists, militarism and religious fanatics. Today, many tell us that it is meaningless to speak of socialism in such a country. They tell us that our priorities must change when the freedoms are overridden to such a great extent.

Yet we know that military strikes happened in our country, precisely for this reason; that is to secure the capitalist order as a whole. When the pro-NATO generals staged the coup in 1980, one of the prominent capitalists in Turkey declared: "it is our time to laugh now."

The same goes for the religious fanaticism. Yes, the religion itself is much older than capitalism, but it invaded the political sphere of Turkey via US dollars and German marks. The rational was to prevent the social revival in Turkey. In that regard, it is a great mistake to count the Islamist movement only as an anachronistic phenomenon. You can only come to a correct interference if you use the term "anachronistic" for capitalism as well. We must understand that today, the most prominent monopolies in the world are waging a war against modernity.

Dear representatives from fraternal parties;

Our party's struggle is based on three inseparable and fundamental elements.

First is the fact of imperialism. What should we understand by that? First of all, we do not regard imperialism as a matter of foreign affairs for Turkey. Nor imperialism means simply a problem of dependence for the country. We have no doubt that Turkey is open and fragile to the influence and interventions of powerful imperialist centers, notably the USA and Germany, in terms of economy, politics, military and culture. We struggle against that and we defend an independent and sovereign Turkey. We do so, not because tactical reasons but because we are communists, and we are patriots. In connection with this, we fight for the annihilation of imperialist institutions such as NATO and EU, which afflict not only Turkey but all the oppressed of the world.

But how can one distinguish this struggle from the one against domestic and foreign monopolies, and against the very foundational order of those monopolies: the capitalism? How can we continue to struggle against imperialism, unless we also stand against the regional claims of the bourgeoisie of Turkey, and its efforts and intentions for becoming an imperialist power itself? A capitalist but independent country, a capitalist but sovereign country, a capitalist but dignified country is a pipe dream.

There are more than enough examples in the history of the communist movement, which show what we would face with, when we take out the class perspective and the goal for socialism from the anti-imperialist struggle. The history teaches us that after the goal for socialism had been forsaken, came the withdrawal from the struggle against NATO, and finally from the objective of breaking ties with it!

We define patriotism as such: patriotism is the will to liberate one's country from the exploiters! Not the foolishness of showing empathy to the bourgeoisie of the country.

It is the same reason, the same necessity why the communists can and must not prefer one imperialist power over another. The most powerful enemy today may be the USA or another imperialist center. Moreover, the clash of interests among imperialists may provide certain opportunities to the communist movement. But all these can attain a historical meaning only and only if we take a firm stand in our independent class position and restrain from prompting the working class to make peace with this or that faction of the capitalist class.

The second element of our struggle is the enlightenment. We have here many comrades from Islamic countries. The same experience that we all share shows that, the communists will never be able to gain real strength unless they adopt a secularist attitude. No doubt that by enlightenment, I refer to the beyond of the limits of bourgeois sense of the term. The historical legacy of bourgeois revolutions since 1789 passed with a changed content to the working class, which today waves the flag of the progress on its own. We need to put up an unhesitant fight against the reactionary forces and against religionization of the society and politics, not solely in Islamic countries but in all over the world. Let us not forget that religious terror today is the product of religionization of the political sphere, be it in a moderate or radical way.

This invasion of political sphere is not simply a matter of geopolitical interest of the imperialists. Religionization as a whole helps to the persistence of the dominance of capitalism. Thus, it is unacceptable for the communists, who

have always defended the freedom of belief and worship, to abandon the principle of keeping the religion out of political life.

We object to the reduction of struggle against religious fanaticism to a struggle solely against the ISIS. We also object to the pursuits for meeting in the same ground with imperialist countries for the sake of struggling against this bloodthirsty organization. We not only decline the tendencies to accept any lesser of evils, but also know who created all these.

Dear comrades,

The third essential element of our struggle, anti-capitalism, is undoubtedly the determining feature of a communist party. However, we do not take this as an often-repeated cliché pending for the right time to be brought into play. Nor we see the struggles for peace, freedoms and enlightenment as prior steps to help a future struggle for socialism. For us, the perspective of socialist revolution must be the fundamental principle of communist parties in every issue and in every moment.

Comrades,

Allow me to explain what I say more clearly, in connection with the concrete situation in Turkey.

When the AKP (Justice and Development Party) came to the power almost 15 years ago under the leadership of Erdogan, majority of the left in Turkey gave their direct or indirect support to the AKP; justifying it with the need for democratization, demilitarization and development of civil society in Turkey. Some parties in the European Left also got involved in this process. We are able to document that they declared Erdogan to be revolutionary, reformist and progressive. We, on the other hand, assessed the developments from a class point of view, and are justified over and over again. Those who anticipated for democracy from the capitalist class, and those who hoped for freedom from Islamist fundamentalists deceived the people of Turkey.

Later on, as the AKP government attacked on working class, women and youth, indignation and reactions accumulated in the society. The influence of communists expanded who had waved the flag of anti-AKP struggle almost by itself before. As Erdogan polarized the society more and more, significant factions of bourgeoisie became disturbed too. At that moment, in 2013, a great social uprising known as the Gezi protests broke out. Millions took to the streets against the government. The capitalist class attempted several times to influence it through several channels to the extent that turning it into a color revolution. Yet, presence of rev-

6 olutionary forces and ideological tendencies of the participating masses did not give passage to any liberal, pro-US or pro-EU intervention. Kurdish movement, on the other hand, abstained from participation, accusing the movement for an attempt of coup against the AKP.

Dear comrades,

If asked about how our relations are with the Kurdish Nationalist Movement, our answer would be as such: Kurdish people are oppressed. We cannot turn our back to their requests of equality and freedom. We struggle for a country where Kurds, Turks, and all other peoples can live together in peace and brotherhood. There are many Kurds in our party who struggle for this purpose. Having said that, dear comrades, we cannot approve pragmatic choices of a nationalist movement based on class collaboration, or their relations with imperialist centers. Nor can we forget how they have supported the AKP government for years. Socialism is necessary for Kurds as well, unless they think of liberation as the dominance of Barzani and the like.

Comrades,

The Kurdish Nationalist Movement saved Erdogan from toppling down in 2013. This is not our claim. The leaders of the movement expressed it explicitly and repeatedly. And then... What?

And then, bourgeoisie and leading imperialist states, which distrusted millions who took it to the streets, initiated a comprehensive intervention what we called "an attempt of restoration" since then. The aim was a broad coalition with an AKP without Erdogan, a renewed and reformed CHP (Republican People's Party), and the HDP (People's Democratic Party) as a Kurdish party integrated to the system. Today, Erdogan resists against this alternative, which will mean his exclusion. The attempt did not succeed in the elections in June, and now, powerful factions of the capitalist class try the same once again in the upcoming elections.

Almost all the factions in Turkish left stand behind this project. Their justification goes like this: "Erdogan shall go first, so that we can heave a sigh of relief"

Dear comrades,

It shall not surprise you that our party received votes only from its grassroots in the past elections. We were not affected negatively by the results since we are aware of the existing intellectual terror. Today, there is not a organization left that mention about the working class or labor-capital contradiction! HDP, which turned into a social democratic party, keeps receiving support from certain media monop-

olies. Some politicians of the HDP who account themselves as "Marxists" visit organizations of capitalists, posing gladly in the same photo frames.

In fact, the capitalist class as well needs the left. The system in Turkey is in the rush of making its own left persuasive, since otherwise it will turn into a big risk. Without SYRIZA, the system in Greece would also be under threat. The same goes for the other countries. Podemos in Portugal, latest developments in the Labor Party in Britain... Can all these be unrelated to the need for managing the crisis and sustaining capitalism?

Today, similar developments take place in Turkey. Those who have kept Erdogan safe from people until now put the pressure on us to participate in anti-Erdogan coalition. But why do they attach such importance to a party, which receive less than 1% votes?

Because, they are afraid! I am not exaggerating. They are afraid of our being well organized, our political wisdom, our influence, our cadres, and our militants who waved the red flag of the working class in Taksim Square on May Day, when it was occupied by tens of thousands of policemen. The very day after the elections, in which we received a ludicrously insignificant rate of votes, 780 thousand people visited our party's online publication.

Why is it so? How come an election failure does not cause distress?

Because, we are sure of ourselves! Our party protected itself and gained good reputation by often taking the risk of standing alone. We always took stances, which would be justified later on, about the EU, NATO, and AKP government. When the process called the Arab Spring shook the Middle East, we immediately announced that they were hijacking the anger of poor Arabian masses. The hijackers were international monopolies. Those who said, "let the democracy develop first", and those who supported Islamist parties setting forth the reason that "it is all that a revolution can be in the Arab countries" became disappointed. Mursi, Sisi, Erdogan, or Tsipras... These are the representatives of different factions of bourgeoisie and they always will frustrate who rely upon them in the name of democracy, freedom or progress.

Yes, dear comrades, our party, which was drifted into a crisis last year by the liberal-reformist wind proceeds in its own way. My intention is not bragging. We are all members of the same family here. We intend to show our comrades that they do not need to worry about how the communists can succeed in this difficult country.

Dear comrades,

It is possible that we can receive insignificant votes again in the coming elections. Of course we always take some lessons from such results. But we never base our plans on increasing our votes. We organize, strengthening our units in factories and workplaces. As a working class party, we fight a severe ideological battle with those who try to besiege us.

We have no doubt that we will eventually succeed in our struggle in this problematic and surprising country. We also have no doubt that you too will triumph in your struggles. Together, we will get rid of this barbaric order called capitalism. All we need is Marxism-Leninism; not as a worn-out slogan but as a living guide that enlighten our path.

Once again, we welcome you comrades...



ALGERIAN PARTY FOR DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM, PADS

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The crisis of the capitalist system remains acute. Workers resist and defend their social conquests. But the communist movement will have to intensify the ideological battle for their struggles to reach the level of consciousness and the degree of combativeness needed to defeat the offensive of the bourgeoisie, to spread hope by asking the basic question of the replacement of capitalism by socialism. The causes of this delay by historical requirements lie in objective factors - weakened ranks of the working class as a result of relocation movements and destruction of productive capacity in the old capitalist countries - but also and especially in subjective factors : Slow rise of class consciousness of the workers in the newly industrialized countries, anti-Communist bludgeoning of the bourgeoisie, undermining work done by social democracy to confine workers in the path of class collaboration.

The crisis of the capitalist system is exacerbating inter-imperialist contradictions.

The countries known as BRICS also aspire to get their share of the redistribution of the world in the exploitation of the world working class, control of markets, influence and energy areas. The old imperialist powers by all means defend their positions and look forward to expand.

It is clear that Russia is an imperialist country that tries to take its share of the redistribution of the world, and open to the Russian monopoly capital penetration roads. It seeks to win, for this purpose , allies in the Middle East and other regions in the world.

The illusions about the alleged benefits of a multipolar world full with peace and peoples' independence against the covetousness of the USA or the European Union, without the overthrow of the international capitalist order, must be combated. But the contradictions that oppose the new to the old imperialist poles, can be exploited to some extent by the people who are struggling to escape imperialist domination. On condition that the revolutionary forces do not spread illusions in their people and their working classes on the real bourgeois nature of the social and economics of these States and do not side behind one pole or the other.

Under the conditions of the crisis of over-accumulation of capital, the fundamental contradiction between labour and capital is reflected in a continuous offensive against the social conquests of the workers. Outside, this contradiction leads to a dangerous aggressiveness towards all regions of the world, through the intensification of military operations of NATO, along the borders of Russia in particular. The

9 political, financial and military support to various internal forces in Africa and the Middle East to break down recalcitrant regimes or destroy uncontrollable forces - Libya, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, etc. - plunged many people in huge misfortune, misery and migration.

The imperialist states are stepping up pressure on economically dominated countries to force them to reorganize their economic system based on the only desires of the large foreign capital, and its unquenchable thirst for profits. They support every bourgeois state, all bourgeois political power to crush the workers and popular struggles. But they do not recognize local bourgeois management teams any autonomy of decision likely to thwart the interests of big foreign capital. If the ratio of internal forces between the bourgeoisie and the masses made the management teams hesitate to go to confrontation with the workers, the imperialist states undertake to replace them with other more docile through their support for internal subversion and the threat of the use of external force. They rely on all the reactionary forces in conflict with the management teams, including the fascist groups, or alleged Nazi Islamist type. The imperialist states accuse any leader who resists them, were he a supporter of capitalism, of crimes against humanity when conflicts caused by their external interventions are bloodshed.

In Algeria, the leaders for 25 years have broken the modern productive economy by satisfying many claims of foreign capital and given its domestic market share to each imperialist group in the world. The Algerian regime has ensured to stabilize and strengthen the rule of the bourgeoisie. Under the pretext of barring access to power to political movements that use Islam, he locked the political activity by anti-democratic laws. In reality these laws hinder particularly the struggles of the working class and the masses. But the imperialist powers increasingly require, including privatization of hydrocarbon deposits. The current system does not seem to suit them completely because it is hesitant to go to direct confrontation with the masses. They seek to replace it with a more docile one either by "soft" methods, or by violent manoeuvres. They rely on other fractions of the bourgeoisie eager to seize all of the nation's goods and agreeing to put themselves totally to their service. They also rely on the currents of the ultra-reaction hiding behind a religious coat.

The inter-imperialist confrontations have entered a new phase with the latest developments in Syria.

The internal war that is tearing the country since 2011 was caused by the support of the great imperialist powers and

their allies in the region, Turkey and the reactionary Gulf monarchies, to armed insurrection organized by the most backward ideological and political tendencies of the society. The reactionary currents camouflaged under the banner of Islam have exploited the social discontent fostered by the anti-popular consequences of the turning made to capitalism.

On this occasion we express our solidarity with our Communist comrades in Syria. Having learned from the lessons of our own experience in Algeria, where opportunist currents had completely disarmed the communist movement by reducing it to the state of supporter of the petty bourgeois and then bourgeois power, and where the forces of obscurantism have assassinated in the 1990s tens of thousands of citizens, we are convinced that the fairest way is to participate in combat in all forms, economical, political, ideological and armed in order to inflict a defeat to the obscurantist groups and mercenaries that serve the forces of foreign interference. This is the path dictated by the Syrian concrete realities to strengthen the weight of the communist revolutionary forces, to impose on the field of struggles the independence of action of the labour movement against the bourgeoisie, including in relation to that which calls itself anti-takfirist. That's the way required for the accumulation of forces and the conquest of the political and ideological influence necessary for the transformation of the resistance to obscurantism and imperialist interferences into a process of struggle for socialism.

Algerian communists consider that:

1 / communist parties around the world including our own have a great responsibility to develop a strategy and both political and ideological orientations whose essential objective is overthrowing the capitalist system, economic basis of imperialism, which can not be reformed but must be replaced by the socialist system. They must reaffirm the historical content of our time: the resolute struggle for the transition to socialism. The objective material conditions of this passage exist on a large scale.

2 / The purpose of the communist movement as a revolutionary vanguard is to raise awareness in the working class and the lower social classes oppressed by capitalism, in everyday class struggles, of the need of the socialist revolution, the advent to power of the working class and its allies, the socialization of means of production, the economic and

social planning.

Our purpose is to combat the influence of bourgeois ideology, notably that of the Social Democrats in the working class which delays the realization of the necessity of socialism, to educate the working class so that it becomes aware that its interests can not be defended without the existence of a revolutionary communist party, without class-based trade unions independent of the bourgeoisie without internationalists unions without its own struggles. Without all this, it will always be deceived by the lies of the bourgeoisie and always exploited.

The construction of the party, its consolidation or reconstitution where the renegades destroyed it, must be central to our work by linking the daily struggles of the workers and other popular strata for their immediate demands and interests against austerity and challenges to their rights, to the relentless propaganda about the necessity of socialist revolution.

The Communist Party must be rooted among the workers and the masses. He must initiate and guide the establishment of its class-based unions of workers and popular organizations (poor peasants, women, youth, independent workers).

The ideological and political trends in the social-democratic reformism, revisionism, the nationalist withdrawal, national-fascism, religious obscurantism manipulated by bourgeois forces in the countries dominated economically, must be combated firmly and daily with the means we have and that we must strengthen especially on the plan of the media.

3 / The working class and its party must ensure achieving alliances with the hardworking masses of the peasantry living from their work, the other popular strata, the executives attached to the defence of people's aspirations and who refuse capitalist domination.

There can be no lasting political and social alliances to end capitalism without a rooted and influential Communist Party in the working class, acting independently and refusing to be diluted with so-called broad leftist movements internal or external.

4 / The fight against all laws and measures taken to prevent the legal existence of Communist Parties and class-based trade unions or to prohibit or restrict their activity must be conducted in each country and jointly by all the Communist Parties of the world to parties who are victims

of these measures.

5 / One of the primary tasks of the Communists is to reveal and fight against the aims of the imperialist states in their plans for a new world war that will be devastating because of the inevitable use of weapons of mass destruction. Our struggle for peace must show the people that the causes of war will disappear with the abolition of capitalism. It is illusory to believe that an alliance with a so-called pacifist faction of the bourgeoisie can prevent the outbreak of war.

it is consequently appropriate for this purpose:

- To oppose ourselves to all of the interferences leaded by the imperialist countries in the internal affairs of nations. The Communists of the imperialist countries must combat such interferences and support the struggle of the revolutionary anti-imperialist forces of these countries. The Communists of the dominated countries or assaulted should link the fight against interferences in the struggle for an internal resistance front led by the working class and its allies in a socialist perspective.

- Destroying the colonial system causing wars as it is currently the case in Palestine leading the struggle for the right of the Palestinian people to build a sovereign and independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital, for the right to determination of the Saharawi people for the reunification of Cyprus, etc...

- Struggle in each country for the withdrawal of foreign occupation forces to dismantle their military bases, for the withdrawal of aggressive military alliances of imperialism, such as NATO.

- Fight in imperialist countries or subservient to imperialism against any increased war budgets, for their decline, against nuclear weapons, for their reduction and destruction; militate in countries threatened by imperialist interferences for the strengthening military defence capabilities in connection with the struggle for the establishment of a people's democratic power, for democratic mass mobi-

11 lization against external threats and internal allies of imperialism, for the strengthening on this basis of the relationships between the army and the people, for the rejection of the bourgeois propaganda about the political neutrality of the army against established imperialist and the false opposition between the political and military propaganda which actually tends to subject the army to the interests of imperialism and its internal allies.

6 / Developing internationalist solidarity of Communist and Workers Parties on the basis of the immediate tasks they face, but also those concerning the defence of the Soviet Union, the recognition of its socialist character, against revisionism of the labour history, to strengthen their ties and their cohesion on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the enrichment of its ideological and political contribution.

7 / Strengthen links between Marxist-Leninist parties who are convinced that their task is to carry on all levels and particularly on the ideological level, the battle for the world proletariat and its allies to prepare to resume the offensive for the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of socialism.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF AZERBAIJAN

TELMAN NURULLAYEV

Dear comrades!
Dear friends!

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Allow me to convey my sincere wishes of Azerbaijan Communist parties of the 17th International Seminar of Communist and workers' parties. Just convey fraternal greetings and appreciation to the Communists and the Communist Party of Turkey for the invitation to this authoritative international forum.

One of the important principles of organizational and political structure of the communist and workers parties is solidarity and internationalism. A prime example of these principles can be seen in the formation of the Communist Party of Turkey.

Many people know that the 1st Congress of the Communist Turkey was convened in Baku, September 10, 1920. At the end of XIX, and in the early twentieth century's. Baku was the center of the revolutionary struggle not just RSDLP, he was also the center of international com movement, because the Communist Party of Turkey was founded in Baku. If the express words of the great Nazim Hikmet, the Baku is the heart of the transfusion of fresh blood!

Comrades!

Communist Party of Turkey, like many other countries of the Communist Party, are well-known forms and methods of struggle of the working class in all circumstances, because it was a very long time in the underground. For this we are very useful experience of the revolutionary struggle of the Communist Party of Turkey and not only us. Despite all difficulties in the political and economic situation, the Communists of Turkey achieved great success: the Communist Party of bringing illegal to legal status. And today, they show the world that the result of a deliberate struggle always succeeds! We firsthand the fruits of the struggle!

The Communists of Azerbaijan are closely watching the activities of the communist movement in Turkey, and always stand in solidarity with them.

I want to talk briefly about the work of Communist Party of Azerbaijan. Terms and Conditions, which the Communists of Azerbaijan is fighting for a just cause, is somewhat different from other countries.

Firstly, after a deliberate collapse of the Allied (Soviet Union), our republic hastily declaring independence, not posovetovavshesya with the people that make up basically the State Education immediately banned the activities of

13 the Communist Party. And unfortunately, many of the former head of the central bodies of the party refused to take part again in the restoration of the Communist Party. But we are not looking at the situation is not very comfortable, that was our country, under the leadership of the late R. Akhmedov, restored the Communist Party.

Our country today is in a state of war with the neighboring country (over 25 years), part of our territory is under occupation and more than a million Immersed status of "refugee".

Today, the world is obvious fate of refugees heading to the Middle East to Europe. These people are victims of outside interference, the country these people are destroyed. Who did it? Of course, external forces of imperialist states destroying these countries violated their territorial integrity, destroyed hundreds of thousands of people, millions of people have lost their loved ones. And what awaits them in Europe? Of course Islamophobia, racism, xenophobia! This is the value of modern, civilized capitalist countries ?!

Comrades!

In these circumstances, we need to consolidate their forces and intensify the revolutionary struggle of the workers for taking power into their own hands!

Western circles to approach a given situation is always applied "double standards". For example: how is it that annexed by the Crimea from Russia and it causes a sharp reaction in the West and 25 years prodolzhayusheyasya annexation of Azerbaijani lands from the neighboring state remains "unnoticed" !? It is just a lack of understanding in the Azerbaijani society. What is starting to talk and official circles.

Free countries do not need a "Western recipes" and pointers. We all videm the consequences of callous imposition of Western models of democracy. They do not survive, and affecting millions.

This is because, comrades, that after an intentional collapse of the USSR, the world has become unipolar. Even a superpower like Communist China can not do anything. These political conditions creating the Comintern predicted life !! We often talk about it but, unfortunately, progress on this issue unobtrusive. Certainly multicenter in the communist movement is not conducive to the consolidation of the forces of the working class in order to strengthen their struggle against capitalist exploitation and imperialist wars and fascism and for the social rights of the people and for socialism!

At the same time, comrades, we must fight against opportunism and revisionism in the communist movement among. Without the victory over such events, we will not achieve positive results! For over 20 years we are fighting these "childhood diseases" in the communist movement in the country. And rightly said Lenin in work "" Left-Wing "Communism: An Infantile Disorder", "victory of the revolutionary proletariat is not possible without a struggle against this evil, without exposure, discredited and driven, opportunistic social-treacherous leaders" !!!

In conclusion I want to express my confidence that the international communist movement are stepping up their fight for the emancipation of workers and peoples, and for socialism !!!

Long live the consolidation of communist and workers' parties of the world !!!

Thank you for attention



BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

EDUARDO SERRA

The Central Committee of the Brazilian Communist Party (PCB) welcomes all communist and workers' parties present in this event and greets the host party, the Turkish Communist Party, as the vanguard of workers and the Turkish people in the struggles against the state terrorism policy imposed by the governments of AKP (Justice and Development Party) and the President Erdogan, servants of capitalism and imperialism, also responsible for the genocide of the Kurdish people. **15**

There is an ongoing global systemic crisis of capitalism, one of the most serious crises in its history, which since 2008 emerged more intensely, causing a retraction of the economy in many countries and harmful consequences that centrally affect workers and the poorest populations. Big business, structured at the international level, sought to place the entire burden of the crisis on the backs of workers, with even more violent attacks on social rights and intensification of the repression of popular movements, measures taken to restore profit rates and organize the economy at a new level, according to their interests.

However, these measures end up contributing to the deepening of the crisis, promoting reduction of economic activity, unemployment, drop in income and consumption. The crisis makes the bourgeoisie more aggressive and highlights in a clearer way the capital projects, which advances on workers rights and interests and suppress democratic liberties result of many historical struggles. A strong conservative wave travels the world with the emergence of openly fascist groups preaching racism, xenophobia, class and gender discrimination and all kinds of prejudice against the differences among humans.

From the military point of view, there has been an imperialist offensive in order to promote military interventions and wars in several regions of the planet. The tragedy involving the growing exodus of immigrants and refugees who arrive daily to Europe, coming mainly from Africa and the Middle East, leaves no doubt about the seriousness of the problem and its reasons: wars, hunger, environmental devastation, with droughts and deforestation. United States and European Union - in alliance with Israel, Turkey and the Gulf monarchies - do everything to instigate conflicts in the Middle East and in order to overthrow governments that started presenting obstacles to the imperialist plans for the region, providing economic and military support to terrorist groups and mercenaries. These groups, funded and trained by the CIA and EU intelligence agencies, have turned into armies spreading terror and forcing the expulsion of populations from their territories of origin, like what is called the Islamic State.

16 A crisis of this magnitude is also responsible for the intensification of class struggle. Around the world, workers and the people, even in fragile conditions, degeneration and division of many of their organizations, resist as they can to the offensive of big business, reacting through strikes, demonstrations, riots and social explosions. This is the moment of truth in the class struggle. There is no room for reformist alternatives, which, when adopted, only reinforce the power of capital and demobilize the workers. The experiences of parties and movements posing as supposed novelties on the political scene, as if they were "neither left nor right," fully demonstrate the exhaustion of social democracy, like what we have seen taking place in Greece, where the only force capable of representing the Greek people in the consequent struggle against capitalism and imperialism is the Communist Party, the KKE.

In Latin America today, the mass movements live a reflux, which, in the decades of 1990 and 2000, brought winds of changes to the continent with the rise of democratic and popular governments. Imperialism constantly threatens countries that refuse to follow its playbook, such as the cases of Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador, it also imposes new military bases and troops kept by the United States in Peru, Honduras, Paraguay, Costa Rica and instigates conflicts located at Venezuela's borders with Colombia and Guyana. In Venezuela, we need to reinforce our solidarity with the Bolivarian government, but without stop demanding, as does the PCV, the radicalization of the changing process and the popular power organization.

The PCB welcomes the conclusion of the partial agreement between the FARC-EP and the Colombian government, only possible due to the impasse in the military field, the popular movement and the Colombian progressive forces mobilization, international solidarity, the government and the Cuban people, who were hosts of the dialogues to solve the conflict, and all other countries that ensured and followed this process, among which stands out Venezuela. The joy with the celebration of this partial agreement, however, should neither demobilize international solidarity nor let Colombian resistance guard down in all its forms. The history of the local bourgeoisie and the imperialism that it serves is not of pacifism, or of respecting agreements, as in the case of the extermination of thousands of militants of the Patriotic Union in the 1980s, just after an agreement with the State for the demobilization of the guerrilla and its transformation into a disarmed political movement.

In Brazil, the capitalist crisis, combined with a forceful political crisis, throws away the Workers Party's speech and its governing coalition - built through agreements with groups and conservative parties - that it was possible to

advance in the solution of the main problems experienced by the Brazilian population without facing the interests of big monopolistic bourgeoisie. The PT governments maintained neoliberal policies intact: primary surplus to control the expansion of public debt, high interest rates to meet inflation targets, floating exchange rate regime, privatization of state companies and public services and attacks on rights constituted based on struggle of the working class. With the deepening of the capitalist crisis in the country, which promotes unemployment, devaluation of the workforce, high cost of living, Dilma's government still demands more sacrifices from workers and cuts social programs.

Desperate to maintain governability at all costs, the PT government and its allies advances the policy of conciliation with capital and betrayal of the working class, making the pact with the high bourgeoisie around the so-called "Agenda Brazil", that announces greater worker exploitation, more privatization of public property, environmental destruction and scrapping of public services, while guaranteeing the payment of the monstrous public debt to the bankers and rentiers who benefit from it.

Even more: under the pretext of promoting "national security", the government submitted to Congress a project that aims to establish the so-called "anti-terrorism law," whose main objective is to repress and criminalize the popular struggles against the order of the capital, including ideological and political motivation in the definition of "terrorist organization". Even in the middle of bourgeois democratic regime, workers are hit hard, in order to remain intact the order and system reproduction, guaranteeing the earnings of finance capital, agribusiness and large industries.

While trade unionists and pro-government movements leave in the background the struggle against the attacks on workers for campaigning in defense of a government that imposes journey reduction with salary reduction, encourages privatization, sustains the financial capital, finances agribusiness and criminalizes social movements, the working class reacts striking and fighting for their basic needs such as access to land, housing, health and public education and transport.

In the counter current of conciliation and reformism, from those who nurture illusions about the possibility of managing capitalism, the Brazilian Communist Party understands that only organized workers and popular sectors' struggles are able to stop the capital's offensive. In PCB view, there are no significant contradictions between the Brazilian bourgeoisie and the imperialism. That, in Brazil's case, it is not an external enemy to be fought for the nation, in a front of class conciliation between the proletariat and the

“national” bourgeoisie. On the contrary, Brazil is part of the world imperialist system, despite its contradictions and of still being a supporting actor on the rise.

Exactly at the height of the crisis of capitalism, when the system’s attacks on labor, social and political rights of the people open up possibilities of workers mobilization and organization, we follow in need of a vigorous international communist movement of revolutionary orientation. The reformist parties who participate in social-democratic or social-liberal governments do not contribute to workers achievements, much less in building socialism. On the contrary, they take part in the system management and demobilize workers, deceiving them that their achievements depend on the capitalism development.

The PCB will continue acting in order to strengthen the bloc of communist parties aligned with the anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist struggle, seeking to contribute to the development of a relentless struggle against reformism, which still prevails in many organizations that claim to be left-wing or communist, and to build a powerful international communist pole that ideologically strengthen the Marxist-Leninist positions and be capable of conducting, in each country, the workers movement to its complete emancipation.

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live the proletarian internationalism!



COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRAZIL

JOSÉ REINALDO CARVALHO

Comrades,

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1 – While we hold our 17h Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties, the armed wing of the US and the European Union's imperialism, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) holds in Europe – especially in the territories of Italy, Spain and Portugal – gigantic military exercises baptized as the Trident Juncture. These maneuvers mobilize 36 thousand soldiers, over 230 land, aerial and naval units, besides other artefacts of the military industries from 15 countries, so NATO can evaluate which weapons it needs, in the process of "renewal" it has been developing. One of the proclaimed goals for the current maneuvers is to test the high-readiness joint task force, to extend ever more the Alliance's area of influence and intervention, from Europe to Africa and Asia, with a global perspective. This for itself is revealing of the level of militarization reached by the great imperialist powers, using their bellicose powers, including nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, besides the conventional ones, to blackmail the peoples and impose policies that are harmful to the majorities' rights and to national sovereignties. The US and its allies promote the growing militarization of the planet, disseminate military bases surrounding all continents, dominating Seas, continents and the space, besides controlling and promoting the nuclear escalation. It is in this landscape that NATO's role is expanded and its strategic concept is updated, in which the so-called collective defense is centered on interventions in other regions of the planet. In Latin America, the United States maintain its military bases and its Fourth Fleet, threatening a region that has recently proclaimed itself, solemnly, as a "zone of peace". The same occurs in the African and Asian continents.

2 – Life has confirmed the communists' opinion about the development of the international situation. The imperialist powers' aggressive policies are intensified, which puts world peace and international security in harm's way, violating the rights of peoples and nations.

3 – A conditioning aspect of the international situation is the systemic, structural, and multidimensional crisis of capitalism. The supposedly corrective policies for the economy and the finances have failed completely, promoted by conservative Governments and also by Governments that, self-proclaiming "center-left", have put in practice the orientations of the monopolist-financial and international oligarchy. These measures constitute, in their essence, a systematic attack against the workers' and peoples' economic and social rights, as well as against the sovereignty of countries little or averagely developed. Capitalism's crisis, extending for many years, aggravated traces of capital-

19 ism's decadence and relative historical decline of US imperialism. By liquidating humanity's historical achievements, the capitalist system reveals itself as incapable of assuring economic and social development, democracy, peace, justice and environmental sustainability.

4 – The world lives a grave and dangerous situation. A new division of the world is at stake, the plundering of national wealth, the occupation of territories, and the implementation of an imperial order that, besides having globalized economy, aims to uniform political regimes, cultural life, and the bourgeois' ideology as unified thought. The ferocious and offensive voice of the US and its allies prevails, to impose their dictates to the world, which pushes for more interventionism, threats and aggressions, in a frontal attack against freedoms and fundamental rights, sovereignty and self-determination of peoples and nations

5 – International Law and the institutions created to assure the exercise of democratic international relations based on equality are instrumentalized by unilateral interests of hegemonic powers that exercise dominance through policies of force. The United Nations, to cite the most import, created 70 years ago to promote peaceful coexistence among sovereign nations, guarantee world balance, assure the enforcement of International Law norms, placate international conflicts and promote world peace, is acting under the pressure exerted by the imperialist powers, growingly imposing their dictates to the world through the use of force. Often, these powers use the Security Council to legitimize military interventions configured as actual aggressions against sovereign peoples and nations.

6 – The world is going through important geopolitical transformations: alterations on the correlation of forces, evolution of the inter-imperialist contradictions, military interventions, the rise on militarization. But the situation is also telling of possibilities for transformation and the awakening of new hopes. New geopolitical poles emerge, as reflex of the emergence of new economic blocs, and the peoples' resistance is growing, in a still unstable and uncertain framework. The aggravation of the crisis brings forth a new geopolitical situation in opposition to the prevailing distribution of power in the world. It opens a transitional period with contours that are not yet defined, manifesting as a salient phenomenon the relative decline of the US imperialism, which, however, still holds the greatest economic and military power, as well as the greatest political influence, being an empire that tries through every means to assure its world hegemony, the main factor for instability and fuel for aggressions against the peoples of the world.

7 – The backdrop for the geopolitical changes is the con-

flict among two objective tendencies. On one hand, the US imperialism and the European Union are protagonists in a struggle to maintain dominance over the world and to concentrate even more power. On the other hand, the tendency for the emergence of new poles of political, economic and military power develops, and the greatest expression of this trend is China's vertiginous ascension, with a prodigious development of productive forces, continuous and accelerated economic growth, and the perspective of becoming, in the coming years, the main economic-financial power in the world. It is part of this phenomenon the strengthened national power of Russia, after a moment of disaggregation and economic-financial crisis, and the emergence of medium-dimensioned powers such as India, Brazil and South Africa – which brought BRICS into being, a relevant factor in the development of the economic and political situation in the world. Within this same configuration of geopolitical and economic-financial contradictions, and of struggle for a new order, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Common Market of the South (Mercosur), the Union of South-American Nations (Unasur), the Community of Latin-American and Caribbean States (CELAC), among others. These processes are developing amidst aggravating class conflicts, contradictions between countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America and imperialism, and the incidence of inter-imperialist contradictions within a dynamic in which cooperation and rivalry alternate turns.

8 – The effectuation of the strategy for building the so-called "new Middle East"; the aggression against Libya and its ensuing mutilation; the continuous presence of US troops in Afghanistan; the intervention in Syria; the Fascist coup in Ukraine, with the support of the Western powers and the threats of intervention in this Eastern-European country; the advancement of the policies of occupation, colonization, ethnic cleansing and terrorism by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people, with the explicit support from the US imperialism; the adoption of a military strategy for Asia; the coup attempts to reverse democratic, patriotic and social achievements in Latin America – those are the most evident traces of what we call a brutal imperialist offensive against the peoples, main causes of instability and uncertainty in the contemporary world.

9 – The communists express their solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people against the State of Israel's genocidal and oppressive policy, usurping their lands and imposing on them a cruel form of neocolonialism. We defend this people's sacred right to the constitution of their independent and sovereign State, within the borders previous to the 1967 war, with East Jerusalem as its capital and the return of refugees, according to the determined by the UN. We salute the Palestinians' recent diplomatic victories

in the United Nations fore.

10 – Likewise, we manifest our solidarity with the Syrian people, torn apart by the terrorist actions of gangs financed and armed by the imperialist powers that keep threatening the country with a military intervention, cynically raising the “human rights” and democracy flag. We salute the countries and political forces that, by request of the Syrian Government, give it support, including military, to counter the terrorist gangs. It is but hypocritical the imperialist powers’ criticism of the Russian intervention and their veto to Iran’s participation in the negotiations for a political way out of the conflict in Syria, in the framework of a quest for an appropriate geopolitical solution in the Middle East.

11 – We salute the Iranian people, victorious in their efforts to defeat the policies of sanctions and to actualize their rights, to develop a nuclear program with peaceful and civilian goals.

12 – We support the struggle for national independence and the right to their territory by the people of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic and call for the complete de-colonization of the world, for the independence of Puerto Rico and the devolution of Islas Malvinas to our brothers and neighbors, the people of Argentine.

13 – In Latin America – geopolitical landscape in which the progressive changes in Brazil are developed – the economic and political contradictions have generated a scenario of resistance and struggle with historical peculiarities, against dictatorships, imperialist dominance, neoliberalism, conservativeness, national and class’ oppression, resulting in political and electoral victories of progressive, democratic and popular forces, which created a tendency for achievements in the realms of democracy, of social rights and of the affirmation of patriotic aspirations, as well as of integration with sovereignty.

Latin America has been experiencing, for almost two decades, an unprecedented phase in its political History, a period in which many political and electoral victories occurred, including in Brazil, resulting from the accumulation of forces by the peoples, who led progressive coalitions to power. Nowadays, a great part of the countries in the region is directed by democratic, popular and anti-imperialist governments, which are contributing to alter the world geopolitics. The essential meaning of the ongoing phenomena in the region is the formation of a transformation chain and of the accumulation of victories in terms of independence, sovereignty, democracy, mechanisms for popular participation, justice, development and social progress.

Mechanisms for regional integration are being built to allow for independent positioning in a world scenario of economic crisis and escalated conflicts, opening up the possibility for edifying new alternatives for development and for building a geopolitical pole that can produce new correlations of forces. The greatest expression of this phenomenon is the Community of Latin-American and Caribbean States (CELAC), whose foundation, in December 2011, in Caracas, Venezuela, was an event of such a dimension that the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, said it was the most important institutional happening in the region in a century. And president Raúl Castro, while making his address in the foundational meeting, underline the transcendental character of the forum, claiming “over two centuries of struggles and hope.” Still according to the Cuban leader, the region had “persevered in its goals of independence, sovereignty, development and integration; knowing that without social justice and a more equal distribution of wealth, it would not be possible.”

The economic and political ongoing phenomena in the political Latin-American context are part of the transitions in the contemporary world, and keep direct relation with the search for new balances, for the achievements of a new political and economic order, for justice, progress and peace.

14 – The development of the Brazilian political situation is inseparable from the Latin-American political course. In our country, amidst harsh disputes with the retrograde dominant classes, of which the right-wing, neoliberal and conservative opposition is the political and ideological expression, the progressive forces – amongst them the communists and other expressions of the consequent left – are seeking to open way and accumulate forces in a prolonged process of struggle for the national and social emancipation. In the current, intense and ongoing political dispute, in which the coup attempt by the right is evident, communists and the consequent left have no doubt about the side they are aligned with. We do not play the game played by the internal class enemy or by the external imperialist forces.

15 – In current the framework of Latin-American political life, one of the most relevant facts is the development, thus far successful, in a sinuous and complex process, of the dialogues between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the national Government. Peace in Colombia is one of the main demands of popular, democratic, patriotic and anti-imperialist movements in Latin-America, such as FARC themselves. If achieved, this will be a victory of these forces and a defeat for the militarist, Fascist, pa-

21 ra-military, drug-trafficking and other agents of imperialism in Colombia and in Latin-America.

16 – Solidarity with Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution is our undeniable duty. Bolivarian and Chavist Venezuela has become a reference of struggle for all Latin-American peoples and a reference for the anti-imperialist struggle. Chavism is essentially anti-imperialist, which is a reflection of the spirit of our times, the symbol of tenacious resistance of peoples against the neocolonialist offensive of international potentates under the aegis of US imperialism. Bolivarian Venezuela has taken important steps towards the construction of a popular, participative democracy, of popular unity, and has become an important base for unity among Latin-American and Caribbean peoples, a banner of struggle, a goal to be achieved, and its first results are in evidence in the current democratic and patriotic achievements, as well as in the real of sovereign integration and solidarity. Likewise, Venezuela has moved forward building welfare and elevating the political consciousness of the people.

17 – The struggles of the Latin-American and Caribbean peoples are deepened in great geopolitical importance and are a stimulated in their development by the recent achievements of the Cuban Revolution – the liberation and return to their homeland of the five heroes that were imprisoned in the United States, the update of the socialist economic and social model and the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with the US, an important step to end the hateful economic blockade. A new phase is opened for the Cuban Revolution in the relations with the superpower, which underlines the demand for an end to the blockade, the devolution of territories illegally occupied by its naval base in Guantánamo and the elimination of programs directed at promoting subversion and internal destabilization, including illegal radio and TV broadcasts, besides the compensation to the Cuban people for the human and economic damages caused by the US policies.

18 – Currently, in the world, struggles of various types and intensities are underway, in the most diverse scenarios. These struggles reveal the revolutionary potentialities of the process of accumulation of forces under way. Although in a framework of strategic defensive, of political, ideological and organic difficulties in the communist and revolutionary movement, workers and the peoples rise against capitalist oppression and exploitation, defending their rights, against interventionism, militarism and war-mongering, occupying the political landscape as unavoidable protagonists of the struggle for national and social emancipation.

19 – Communists face with historical optimism and confidence the perspective for development of the workers' and peoples' struggle defending their rights, democracy, progress, justice, national sovereignty, peace and socialism. Just as the historical leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, has said, "humanity has no alternative but to change its course." This change will result from resistance, social mobilization and the struggle in multiples lines and scenarios already en route, and in which the protagonists are socialist, revolutionary, progressive, and leftist governments, vanguard political parties, social movements, revolutionary and national liberation movements, in which the irreplaceable role of the workers' class, of the youth, the women, the progressive intellectuals, the rebellions of popular masses, the movements of resistance to imperialist wars of aggression and occupation of countries, of national liberation struggles.

20 – In the course of these struggles' development, international solidarity emerges and is strengthened, as well as proletarian internationalism, the peoples' and popular masses' internationalism as essential feature of the ethics and the political line of the communist movement, of popular and progressive movements. The fundamental content defining internationalist action today is class solidarity and anti-imperialism. The main goal is to defeat US imperialist strategies, its war policy, its conservativeness and neoliberal dogmas, the brutal offensive it wages against peace, national sovereignty, democracy and the peoples' rights. Within this framework, we invest our endeavors for unity of action among communist and workers' parties, renewing or commitment with the Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties. Likewise, we consider indispensable to consolidate multilateral spaces for convergence and unity among democratic and anti-imperialist forces and movements, at the Latin-American and world level, as well as the mass organizations and peace movements.

Long live the peoples' struggles for national and social emancipation!

Long live proletarian internationalism!



COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN

LIZ PAYNE

The CP Britain sends its greetings and solidarity to our comrades gathered here in this seventeenth international meeting of Communist and Workers parties. We warmly thank the CP Turkey for its work in organising the conference. **23**

The theme of this meeting is the struggle against capitalist exploitation, war and fascism and for the emancipation of working people, for socialism.

Britain is one of the oldest imperialist powers.

But Britain also has one of the oldest working class movements, one which is now again beginning to struggle for wider political transformation, for socialism.

British imperialism is today weak and parasitic. It has emerged from the current capitalist crisis with its industrial base still further eroded and is now even more reliant on the City of London as global centre for financial speculation. It is so in a world where the crisis of capitalist over-accumulation is unresolved and where the consequent drive to liquidate marginal and fictitious capital threatens further instability.

British imperialism is also a dependent imperialism – above all on the United States. The British ruling class relies on dollar transactions for the global reach of the City of London. And this converts to a political dependence.

Britain has nuclear weapons. But their physical deployment depends on the United States.

In NATO Britain is the loyal lieutenant of the United States. Britain's remaining colonial possessions are used as bases and listening posts for the US – from Akrotiri in Cyprus to Diego Garcia in the Pacific.

Inside the EU Britain acts to ensure compliance with wider US strategy.

Most of the capital deployed in the City of London comes via US banks.

Britain has been central to the criminal acts against the peoples of Greece, Ireland, Cyprus, Spain and Portugal to pay for the failed speculations of these banks.

The current renegotiation of Britain's membership is primarily designed to protect the freedom of the City of London and Britain's ability to continue to influence policy as a non-Eurozone country. In the past Britain has acted as prime mover for European intervention in Yugoslavia, Af-

24 ghanistan, Iraq and Libya. More recently it has been to the fore in the extension of NATO strike forces to the borders of Russia and complicit in the political devastation of Ukraine.

But today a challenge is emerging to these policies in Britain.

In 2013 there was a revolt by Labour members of parliament against British government plans to bomb Syria – which temporarily halted these plans.

This initial revolt against the traditional pro-US stance of New Labour was indicative of more fundamental change within the British working class movement which has continued.

Today the new leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn, is someone who has always opposed NATO membership and Britain's nuclear weapons and who chaired the organisation that campaigned against Britain's military interventions overseas.

It is important to understand the origin of this shift to the Left and to understand its current strength and limitations.

Over the past decade working people in Britain have suffered an unprecedented cut in real wages and rights at work. This is particularly so for younger workers – now condemned to precarious employment with no prospect of secure housing.

New legislation from the Conservative government will effectively remove the right to strike and criminalise much public protest – measures which reflect the weakness of our ruling class and its fear of organised labour. 2

In response the Communist Party of Britain and a coalition of Left organisations and trade unions has sought to mobilise a movement of mass resistance, a movement that also poses clear socialist alternatives to those of the Conservative government, the People's Assembly.

Hundreds of thousands have been mobilised in protest demonstrations.

It is this new generation of protesters which gave Corbyn 250,000 votes as against 180,000 for his three right-wing opponents combined.

Corbyn's victory caused consternation within our ruling class and the right-wing of the Labour Party.

It demonstrated the correctness of Lenin's comment about the distinctive character of the British Labour Party: its ability to reflect the level of class mobilisation as a result

of its organic link to a single and united trade union movement. It is, however, important to be soberly realistic about this new situation. This new generation of pro-Corbyn voters are against war and austerity.

But they are unorganised. They are largely outside the trade union movement and largely without any coherent analysis of capitalism and imperialism. There are some similarities to Podemos and the Left Bloc. The trade union movement itself is also still somewhat politically limited.

It has shifted somewhat to the Left and is willing to defy the law to resist the government's anti-trade union legislation and austerity policies. But most trade unions have not been won to oppose nuclear weapons or NATO. Most still have illusions about the possibility of reforming the EU.

This is the challenge currently faced by Communists in Britain. It is one which we will seek to address, along with our allies, by widening the basis of popular practical resistance. At the same time we also seek to intensify our ideological work. It is this ideological challenge which makes the international unity and coherence of the world communist movement so important. As in the past it has been this unity that has demonstrated that fascism, war and imperialism can be overcome – and that socialist advances can be secured.

We must ensure that this is also so in the future.

Long live the unity of the World Communist Movement

Long live the struggle for socialism and communism



COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA

MIGUEL FIGUEROA

Dear Comrades,

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First of all, we join with others in expressing our solidarity to our host party, the Communist Party, Turkey, on the eve of the national elections, and our deep appreciation for graciously facilitating this meeting. At such a critical moment in this region, with dark clouds of war swirling everywhere, with imperialist intrigues fomenting national and religious conflict in order to extend its hegemony, and with a humanitarian and refugee crisis of epic proportions, the principled, internationalist role of your party and other Communist and Workers' parties across the Middle East are more crucially important than ever.

The tasks currently facing our parties – and all the anti-imperialist and revolutionary forces in a broader sense – flow from an objective assessment of the general, systemic dynamics of capitalism today. In our view, the basic, underlying contradictions inherent to this system are maturing at an accelerating pace, giving rise to a series of interrelated crises which have sharpened over the recent period.

Foremost amongst these, of course, continues to be the historic conflict between the two main classes – the working class and the ruling capitalist class – locked in dialectical unity and struggle by virtue of their central location in the process of production. The class struggle is intensifying everywhere, as state-monopoly capital strives to drive down the price of labour-power to reverse the decline in the rate of profit, and to preserve their class domination at the expense of the workers and their labour rights.

In the Canadian context, this takes the form of an all-sided capitalist offensive against the wages and living standards of workers, the loss of full-time and permanent employment, especially in industry, and its replacement with part-time, contractual and other forms of precarious employment, growing social disparities between the super-rich and the vast majority of working people, the spread of poverty and insecurity, and the increased attack on the trade unions, labour standards and workers' rights in general. The Canadian State plays a central role in enforcing this capitalist offensive, through austerity programs, the weakening and privatization of public programs, services and social protections, the imposition of pro-corporate trade and investment pacts like the Canada-Europe (CETA) and Trans-Pacific Partnership deals, and legislative and judicial attacks on trade union rights.

Another critical aspect of this capitalist offensive which our Party prioritizes in its work is the drive to militarization, imperialist aggression and war. Over the past decade in partic-

27 ular, Canada has played in increasingly active and bellicose role within the NATO imperialist alliance, especially in the occupation of Afghanistan, in Libya, in support of the fascist regime in Kiev, and as one of Zionist Israel's strongest backers. It has hiked military spending, announced major procurements of new stealth fighter jets and warships, and is now expanding the number of Canadian military bases on foreign soil.

A third priority for our Party is the struggle to defend and extend the democratic rights of the people and to combat every encroachment on the right to political dissent, violations of civil liberties, and the passage of authoritarian and even proto-fascist, police state laws such as C-51 (the new 'anti-terrorism' law) by governments at every level. This also includes the battle against all forms of racism and Islamophobia, and ultra-right, fascist groups seeking to divide the working class on this basis; the struggle for the full emancipation and social equality of women and sexual minorities; and the struggle in solidarity of the just demands and national rights of Canada's indigenous peoples and of Quebec.

Finally, our Party also considers among its top priorities our active participation in the environmental movement, and in particular efforts to mitigate and reverse climate change, the impact of which falls most heavily on the working class, peasants and farmers, and on the poor and marginalized sections of the people around the world. We sense a special responsibility on this point, not only because on a per capita basis, Canada is among the very worst polluters in the world – but also because of the disgusting role which the Harper Conservative government has played over the past decade in obstructing any binding international agreement to reduce emissions – a cravenly self-serving policy on behalf of Canadian energy, mining and resource monopolies.

The recent federal elections must be seen in this context. In our view, the defeat of the Harper government marked a significant victory for the working class, for indigenous peoples, for women, youth and students, for the unemployed and underemployed, and for the LGBTiQ communities. It was a victory for all those dedicated to peace and disarmament, for immediate action to combat climate change, and to the struggle for social equity and social justice. The results reflected a strong rejection of the pro-austerity and pro-war agenda of the Harper Conservatives by the peoples of Canada.

We have no illusions about the new Liberal majority under Justin Trudeau that is now in place. The Liberal Party is also a bourgeois, big business party; it has not changed

its political colouring or class orientation. It remains committed to neoliberal economic doctrine at home, and to an imperialist foreign policy abroad. We think it wrong however to dismiss this outcome as simply the meaningless replacement of one bourgeois government with another. The Harper government was the most anti-working class, anti-democratic, pro-war, misogynistic government in Canadian history. Its defeat opens up new political space to not only reverse the damage already done, but to also win more advanced and radical democratic, economic and political demands. This will require however a conscious political and organizational struggle to invigorate the extra-parliamentary movements, and an ideological struggle to shed illusions about the bourgeois role and character of the Liberal government.

Comrades,

A brief comment on our own process of International Meetings itself. Our Party is deeply committed to the strengthening of cooperation and the unity-of-action of our Communist movement internationally. It is for this reason that we have supported the IMCWP ever since its inception, and we continue to do so today.

We are concerned therefore about the difficulties encountered in recent years in strengthening this cooperative process. Especially now, in a period of the deepening systemic crisis of capitalism, of proliferating imperialist aggression and war, and destruction of the global environment, it is more urgent than ever for our movement internationally to speak out with a clear and powerful voice for the alternative of socialism, and for our parties to elevate the level of our common action. We are disturbed that, for the third year in a row, there will be no Joint Declaration coming out of this meeting. We think this is a serious retreat, and appeal to all parties to reach consensus on restoring the Joint Declarations. We recognize that there are political and ideological differences on some important questions; however we would remind comrades that there are far more points around which we agree than those about which we disagree, and we reject the view that because we cannot find unity around all points, it is better to silence our common voice entirely.

Finally, we would like to draw delegates' attention to a special resolution for your consideration at this meeting. It is co-sponsored by the CPs of Britain, Canada, Ireland, Lebanon, and South Africa. It concerns our solidarity work with the Palestinian people's struggle, and in particular the growing international campaign to impose Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until such time as it ceases its violations of the basic human rights

of the Palestinian people. Our Party actively supports the BDS campaign. It is especially timely now, and we urge all parties to give this matter serious consideration, and to support this resolution.

Thank you for your attention.



SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY OF CROATIA

DAVOR RAKIC

Respected comrades,

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We wish to salute and thank the TKP for this event, and we take the occasion to extend our deepest admiration to the brave fight the TKP is conducting against the forces of genocidal oppression and obscurantism. We are aware of the tough context you are operating in, which enhances your virtue.

Communist Theory and the Task of the Communist Party (CP) Our philosophy is dialectical materialism, which is both fundamental in understanding the world around us, and so comprehensive, logical, intelligent. A correct analysis of reality is not an easy task, and can be reached only by mastering the dialectical science. Only a correct analysis can bring about the logical steps for a communist party to achieve change, or to gather enough qualitative and quantitative forces to be ready for the revolutionary moment. Alas, it seems like too many of us (and we're not absolving our own party) have left the ideological tool locked and dusted in the attic.

Many of us tend to think that it's because the communists are fragmented in many different parties, this fragmentation becomes the main problem to be overcome, because, allegedly, the unity multiplies the force. This couldn't be further from the truth. A CP composed of many different factions is blocked, clogged, unhealthy. A party that doesn't have an ideological unity, based on dialectical materialist thought, can't ultimately represent a positive force for the workers' interests.

This is, we believe, the biggest challenge, and not fragmentation. Fragmentation and ideological debate and even quarrels are healthy when done between CPs, but become poisonous and destructive when done within the same party inasmuch as they sabotage its activity. Indeed, most of Lenin's efforts throughout his political life, was to achieve – inside his party – the highest degree of ideological purity and harmony. This approach, which supports fragmentation, is exactly what has brought about the Russian Revolution and others.

To avoid having to use all our efforts for internal brawls (which is not uncommon in political life), the analysis of our own party's experience tells us that:

a) The CP must be based on a clear (Marxist-Leninist) philosophy. Our party was born in a context comparable to present Ukraine, i.e. with a neoliberal US-puppet mafia at the government, and lots of neo-nazis on the loose, and was thus formed as a broad leftist front. Being a "broad

30 church" we can confidently say must be avoided at all costs if the goal is to have a Leninist party;

b) The party discipline must be respected at all costs;

c) The acceptance of new members must not be free and voluntary but instead subjected to a long "probation" period in which the militant must "prove him/herself", and must be dealt with the utmost caution, or else all kinds of infiltration may occur: from the proverbial secret service or police, to material opportunists, to fanatics of all sorts, everything down to mentally unstable personalities, something we ourselves had to deal with. Taking care of our members, together with achieving ideological unity, is maybe the most important precondition to achieve our goals of social transformation. In addition, forgetting to apply the Marxist method to the objective reality, has brought some problematic approaches in the communist camp. Here we describe two of them, limited to the European context:

1) On the one hand, admiring the most militant and productive CPs (in terms of theoretical production, political and economic analysis, formation of fronts and control of trade unions), and the few socialist countries still existing, has been counterbalanced by a lack of independent analysis of our own realities, in our own countries, and an accordingly poor or nonexistent practice; in other words, it seems as if most European communists are basically waiting for a revolution to happen (e.g. in Greece) as a precondition for change elsewhere on the continent.

Here, as a digression, I want to point out that our neighbors, the Italian communists, did indeed think that a Greek revolution took place – with the electoral victory of Syriza.

Except for celebrating as if it were their own victory, they joined other left forces in Italy and presented themselves at the elections as – "The Tsipras List"!

2) On the other hand, some CPs have rejected dialectical materialism and even the great achievements of socialist countries as the USSR, the PRC, Cuba, the DPRK; have thrown our project of the abrupt break with capitalism into the dustbin; and have opened the door for political monstrosities such as saving ailing social-democrats from collapse (in Europe), propping up neoliberal governments (in Latin America), even falling in love with "comrade" Tsipras, as some kind of moderate-capitalist Christs that has descended to save us from the EU oligarchy.

This approach is puzzling and absurd, but many comrades have adopted it. This - together with identity politics, which

I discuss later – is an approach that has wrecked communists (and any other anticapitalist left as well) everywhere it was adopted.

Capitalism and Imperialism

If one is a communist, his/her enemy is by definition capitalism, and not merely a form of it (fascism, imperialism, neoliberalism, social-democracy, etc.). We can create alliances to fight one of its forms whenever it's needed, but always having in mind the substance, the structure of the system. The capitalists understand very well that their enemy no.1 is communism, but some communists don't agree that our enemy is capitalism – namely private property over the means of production and oligarchical rule – but instead they say it is "imperialism", by which they most often mean US domination over their countries.

Such a position is understandable in those contexts in which the US imposed its classic fascistic dictatorships. In truth, it did so in collusion with the local elites – the same elites that the anti-imperialistic rhetoric in the communist camp regards as indeed "anti-imperialist", and even "progressive".

Capitalism and Progressivism

Progressivism is a subjective term and means different things to different people. For a socialist-communist, the term indicates workers' decision-making and control over the economy (socialist democracy), as well as increasing standards of living for all, increasing equality, and others. It is therefore difficult for us to regard neoliberal governments as being progressive. Obviously, some Latin American liberal and neoliberal governments have improved everyday life in the sense that the army and police don't murder and torture any opposition, and don't completely disregard any popular demand, while acting as the puppet of some foreign oligarchy.

Nevertheless, it's still hard to consider the "liberation" of Latin American countries from the tentacles of Washington (but not really from the IMF) as automatically trending towards increased standards of living for all, and towards socialist rule. In other words, it's obviously complicated for any Marxist to consider a neoliberal system based on dispossession and exploitation, as progressive.

The genius of Lenin was in taking the most important decision that allowed the Revolution to occur. When the Tsar fell, and the so-called progressive government of Kerensky was installed, he proclaimed "no support for the provisional government", thus securing independent theory and praxis

for the revolutionary party, which was key in bringing about the Revolution. And for sure was Kerensky, compared to his predecessor, decisively more progressive than most of the current so-called progressive governments.

We believe that some countries are in a dialectical struggle between their socialist and their capitalist aspects, and present many socialist elements, despite keeping a more or less capitalist nature. We talk of countries like Venezuela and Belarus. Could these countries be seen as progressive, and thus supported in their advancing the human cause of socialism and equality, making them worth being supported or sympathised with? This is a complex issue, but nevertheless it's a provocative thought that is open for analysis and discussion.

In any case we should be honest and admit that a country like the People's Republic of China, despite all of its contradictions, has lifted hundreds of millions of its citizens out of poverty. But it is doing it in a way also in Africa, where it is helping develop capitalism, thereby helping create a big proletariat, a necessary precondition for any conscious class struggle. I wouldn't be surprised if in the future we will have a bigger African delegation here, as a result of China developing Africa's productive forces.

When it comes to defining China or Vietnam as capitalist countries because they adopted market principles, we would argue such analysis could be incorrect, nor fair to their ruling CPs. To define a system, there is one more major variable in addition to the variable <central planning/market>. This other variable is determined by who owns the means of production: <state ownership over the means of production/private ownership>, thus complicating the definitions, which now become 4: planned socialism, market socialism, planned capitalism, market capitalism. I believe we may insert other variables, as the degree to which the workers actually run the economy and/or the state.

But in any case, China and Vietnam fit rather in the "market socialism" basket, because: 1) Even though they have a Plan, the market is clearly dominant; 2) The state owns 50% of the total means of production or even more; 3) The state is run by a CP, which, we would argue, still represents and is influenced by the workers in a much bigger fashion than any other social-democratic party elsewhere.

Secessionism as the solution

Our country, Yugoslavia, was destroyed by the failure of the ruling League of Communists and the other socialist institutions (in particular the Yugoslav People's Army) to maintain the country's socialist order, legality, and political

unity, as well as a sustained economic and social development. The Party, instead, fractioned and compromised itself with nationalist, technocratic, capitalist, religious, and other counterrevolutionary forces. All of this allowed the imperialist strategy of divide and rule that finished off all possibilities for a unified country.

One of the major driver for the breakup of Yugoslavia was indeed nationalism. Nationalism as a petty bourgeois ideology is in essence identity politics. Identity politics is a fatal blunder for any Marxist, who should reject it as it is an ideology of the class enemy.

Identity politics is a theory that disregards class-based analysis and action, and focuses rather on group identities. Secessionism on nationalist lines is also identity politics. And I mean secessionism, which is quite different from decolonisation, itself based on a modern, secular republic which puts class and national self-determination at the fore, while rejecting the imperial rule of both domestic and foreign oligarchies.

Secession as a solution to the systemic crisis of capitalism is an illusion that is dangerously gaining foot in Europe. Far from being beneficial for the working class, it is a project that benefits the local elites and US and German capital in general. There is no much "national self-determination" in seceding from an EU country, while re-entering in the same EU, keeping the Sterling/Euro, the ECB, NATO, and in turn splitting the working class and weakening the states by Balcanising them. In addition, a weaker, smaller (read less independent) state does mean the prospects for change are – in average – much more difficult to achieve, as we in the Balkans well know. Balcanisation (pseudo-independence on tribal/pseudo-national lines) is the identity politics that the plutocracy of the US and EU have projected on many of us, and which all CPs should utterly reject.

Quite another thing is seceding when there was no other choice but genocide, as the Donbass and Crimea did, and when the working class actively pushes for social transformation, breaking with the IMF, nationalising oligarchical property, etc., as it was partly done in Easter Ukraine.

Multipolarity

There is some confusion among communists regarding the issue of multipolarity. Some comrades are rejoicing that the USA is losing its hegemony, claiming that the major challengers (Russia, China, India, Brazil, and others) should be supported, as they are "progressive" and "anti-imperialist". Other comrades more correctly point out that it's the class nature of each state that matters, thereby rejecting any

32 alliance with both NATO countries and with their capitalist competition, as all of them are capitalists. While we agree on this latter analysis, as it reflects the Marxist thought coherently, we would add that a multipolar world presents a more positive setting, in other words plenty of opportunities in advancing our cause of socialist revolution. Not much good in this sense has come out of a unipolar world (1990-2014, and before that, 1815-1914), while during the bipolar world of 1945-1989, the world witnessed several revolutions and decolonisations (even something like the Paris Commune of 1871 had happened in a context of intense intercapitalist contradictions).

The very Revolution of 1917 occurred in a context of increasing hegemony in Europe, before the Anglo-Americans regained their unipolarity after 1918. The Bolsheviks managed to profit from the inter-imperialist competition of that time, but would have hardly succeeded had the British still been the hegemon at that moment.

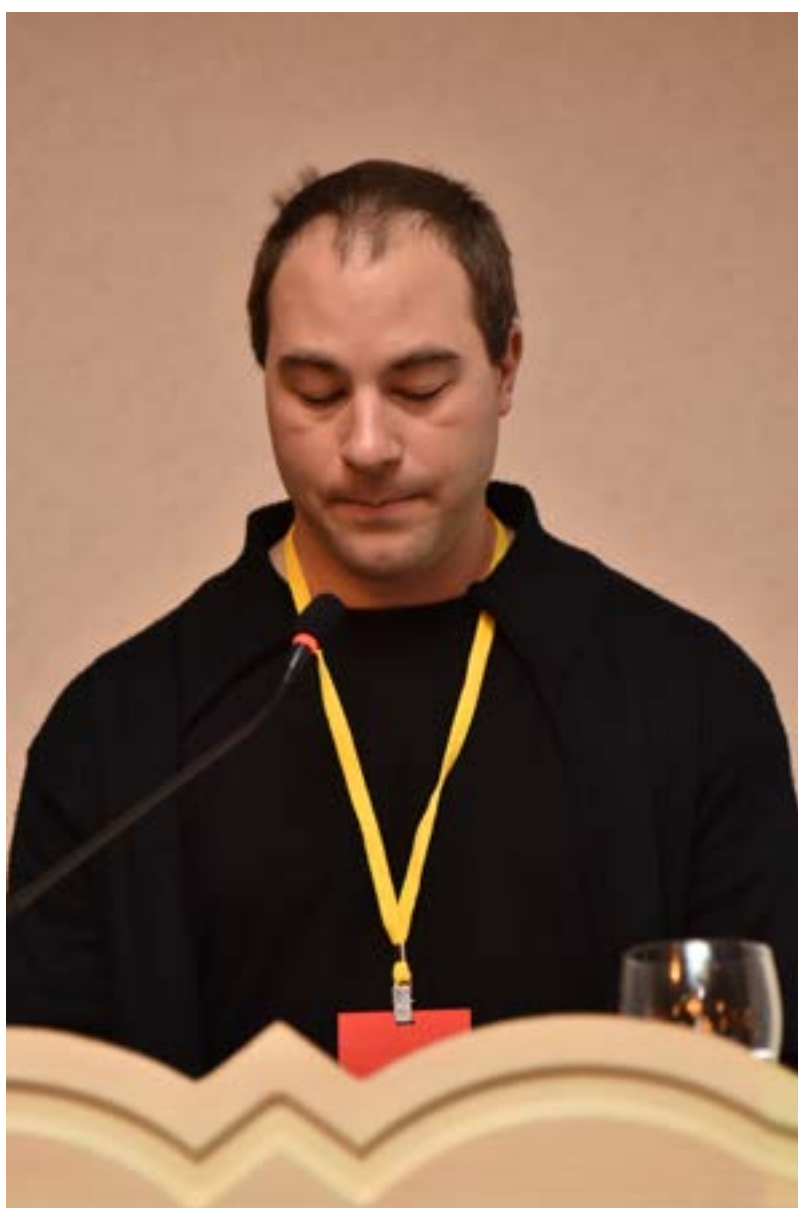
Back to the present day, I believe a communist country like Cuba is taking advantage of this increased multipolarity (or indeed bipolarity), which benefits its working class more than the unipolarity of the 90s did. Therefore, even a revolutionary movement can benefit from a more multipolar context, as "when evil fights evil, the good can prevail".

This is far from believing that something like, for example, present, capitalist Russia could be our comrade-in-arms. Quite the contrary. But, as history teaches us, it's not always class interests (let alone ideology) that drives international relations. So strange and unthinkable alliances does history reserves us, that even capitalist Russia might, if in the perceived interest of its ruling class (but in reality against its long-term class interest), tactically support some anti-capitalist or even communist movement.

Multipolarity can also prevent such tragedies as the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia, the vandalic 1999 bombing of Serbia and Montenegro, and the Kosovo tragedy, where a US-puppet mafia regime has been committing ethnic cleansing on a massive scale. Today such attacks are much less likely, at least in our part of the world, precisely because of the increased inter-capitalist contradictions (=increased bi-/multipolarity), as they didn't happen (at least in our part of the world) during the era the USSR was mighty.

Finally, our thoughts go to the comrades of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, in their efforts to build socialism in Europe once again, at the degree the context allows it, i.e. balancing between the Russian oligarchical elites on the one hand, and the Western aggressors on the other. The Donbass comrades helped the world to see that

the European values our plutocrats brag so much about, are in fact the (European) values of Hitler and Mussolini. Thanks to these brave comrades, European communists have finally something more to be proud of, and not mainly realities to be ashamed of.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA

PEDRO NOEL CAMILLO ALFONSO

Comrades:

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On behalf of the CPC, we sincerely thank the TKP for hosting this meeting and acknowledge the previous arrangements and efforts made to guarantee its success.

Many times, as today, we, the workers and communist parties, have met. At those times, as today, we have faced complex situations and dedicated long hours to debates. The difference now is that we increasingly have less time to find definite solutions, or at least to mitigate the impact of the present international situation on most of the people in the world.

The permanent harassment to peace, which can be seen in the presence of the U.S. Army in more than 130 nations, and the big contradictions brought about by the capitalist system, which have led to successive crisis of different types, continue to affect particularly the poor people.

The financial and bank institutions do everything possible to take control of the world economies. The free trade agreements are aimed at protecting investments and guaranteeing the control of the transnationals on the economic, social and cultural destiny of the countries, and the consumption logics of the system speed up the climate change at the expense of the planet and the human species.

The Latin-American region, inspired by its legitimate aspirations of independence and sovereignty that we inherited from our founding fathers, is striving for the necessary integration as the only alternative to face this international situation and the imperialism's counter-offensive which today acquires a unique dimension in our continent.

It is made up of an elaborate program of subversion, combined with economic warfare actions and brutal media attacks aimed at achieving a so called "change of regime in a fast way" or an strategy to undermine at longer term in order to impose election solutions ignoring in both cases the true democratic will of the people.

The history of Latin America, and even Cuba, has shown that only unity and integration can guarantee a future of peace and dignity for our peoples.

We acknowledge that there is debate and misunderstanding regarding the actual scope of this integration process, but we can feel proud for the emergence of ALBA, CARICOM, UNASUR and MERCOSUR, all of them working for improving the cooperation and promote trade. And as main pillar and strategic objective, we have the CELAC, which, as comrade

35 Raúl said, "It vindicated more two centuries of struggle and hope. In a symbolic way, it consolidates the concept of a united and sovereign region committed to a common destiny".

The proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace on January 2014, which support the feasibility of unity in the diversity, is also strength in the face of war mongering and destabilization attempts that threaten us. Today we can state that without integration there is no guarantee for our independence and sovereignty. It is only united that we can resist the renewed aggressiveness of the empire.

The Cuban Revolution today is going through a very crucial stage. At the 6th Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba (CPC) held on 2011, we passed the fundamentals of our economic and social policy. Its main feature is the construction of socialism, with the strategic objective of developing a prosperous and sustainable socialism which allow us to strengthen the development of our productive forces and the capacity of the economic actors.

The aspiration to achieve the greatest social justice, to strengthen people's democracy and participation in the organization of the political system and to guarantee equal opportunities for all is the main pillar of the socialism we want to build.

The inalienable rights to health and education, both free of charge and universal and man being at the center of each transformation, the internationalist vocation of our people and the commitment with our brothers of the Third World will continue to be principles of the Revolution which we will never give up.

On April next year we will hold the 7th Party Congress and there we will review and validate the result of the implementation of the guidelines up to that date. At the Congress, a theoretical conceptualization of the Cuban socialism will be passed and a Long Term Comprehensive Development Program up to 2030 will be discussed.

Amidst this situation, our country has begun a process to reestablish the relations with the United States. On this issue, it would be convenient to say that we have reached up to that point without giving up our principles, that the U.S. Government has acknowledged that the aggressive policy imposed on Cuba has failed, that its attempt to isolate us has ended up isolating themselves, and that this process has been carried out with the historical leadership leading our country.

It is good to make clear that the reestablishment of the relations does not mean a normalization of the relations.

That would be a longer and more complex process that would include the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial blockade, the return to Cuba of the territory illegally occupied by the Guantanamo Naval Base, the suspension of the radio and television broadcasts against Cuba and the elimination of the subversive programs financed by the U.S. Government to destabilize the internal order, as well as the compensation for the damages caused as a result of the successive aggressive policies against the Cuban people.

The media machinery of the empire tries to make the people believe that the struggle against the blockade and the elimination of imperialism's hostile policies towards Cuba have no sense anymore.

We know that there are people who are confused on this issue and think the causes of our struggle have disappeared. That is part of the demobilizing strategy of the empire aimed at discouraging and breaking the solidarity movement that so generously has dedicated time, resources and energy to the solidarity towards Cuba.

To all those who, from different organizations and places in this world, have supported the resistance of our people during decades, we have say that the hostility continues, that the blockade remains intact and that imperialism is still pursuing its objective of derailing us from our socialist track and destroying the Revolution, just that this time the methods are more elaborate and subtle.

I would like to take up this opportunity to convey my sincere congratulations to those that fought together with our people for the freedom of our Five Heroes. That victory is also yours.

This is another proof that it is worth to fight and that the victory is possible. It also shows that unity is essential when we identify a common cause and that all contributions are valid is strategically we pursue the same objective.

I am sure that we will take advantage of this meeting to find arguments, to discuss and to share experience regardless of asymmetries and differences, so that there is no room for useless discussions, suspicions and fragmentations which make us weaker in the face of an enemy who knows how to make good use of our mistakes.

We reiterate our gratitude to the TKP and our willingness to continue working to make these meetings useful spaces

and in favor of the aspirations of our peoples.

Thank you.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOHEMIA & MORAVIA

VERA FLASAROVA

Dear Comrades,

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First, let me give my thanks to Turkish comrades for their organizing of this 17th IMCWP under so much difficult political circumstances in Turkey.

The highest stage of capitalism, the imperialism, has taken a new global shape at the turn of 20th and 21st century. Therefore, the current development of the international situation must lead the Communist and workers' movement towards the necessity both to recognize and to analyze the reasons of international situation, and to assess them from the position of the materialistic point of view on both the world and the society. For us, it means to inform truthfully about the impacts of international events on the lives of working people, on their social positions, on the troubles and dangers threatening today.

The ground of world's current tension is an uneven economical and political development, influencing international events as a whole. Primarily United States solves its own issues at the expense of other countries. The US boosts its vital interest abroad in the spirit of its programme thesis on living in peace, but under American rules, i.e. by military means. In many cases, it acts so through its allies. It concerns, for example, the New Near East Programme, the Pacific Doctrine, or subversive activities in Latin America. Europe also doesn't remain in the background of US interests. The US performs its politics here mainly either through the NATO or by enforcing its extortionist interventions into economical and financial politics of European capable countries. The rise of nationalism, fascism and xenophobia, they are the by-products of this politics on one hand; on the other hand, there are the focuses of military conflicts, terrorism, migrants' waves, deepening gaps of both the poverty and the social inequality.

Comrades,

70 years after WW II's finish, unfortunately, an unprecedented wave of revived militarism reveals itself. Japan can be one of examples. In this context, we think that we haven't taken enough advantage of the 70th Anniversary of Victory over fascism, to stress so that world's then only socialist country, the Soviet Union, had borne the largest share on the defeat of fascist Germany. Currently, the re-writing of the WW II's history occurs in many countries. Then victorious progressive forces became the targets of attacks by ranks of Right-wing representatives as well as by the mass-media serving them, being put into role of culprits of that war to be unleashed, or their both merits and victims have been overshadowed. We shouldn't allow a sit-

The UN establishing's 70th anniversary has shown, too, how much this organisation is failing; the one of which priority should be defending of peoples' peaceful coexistence all around this planet. By its stances, the UN contributes to the international law being breached. Just so, the space is opening for legitimately elected governments don't be respected. Under the US pressure, the UN policy becomes toothless. Once again, we presume, as the radical communist and workers' movement, we should be more decisive in our both performances and demands towards the UN.

Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia, in every its performance both home and abroad, in the Parliaments as well as on the streets, makes appeals to maintain the peace all around the world. The peace, it is a preposition to fulfil efforts to reach the socially fair society. If there will be wars and people would further die, our goal will be barely reached. From the Communist and workers' movement's history we know that it had been V. I. Lenin who had understood the primary necessity to pass a legal act, to declare the Decree on Peace, to exercise consequently new principles of social development in practice.

Comrades,

Today, it is already impossible to say that the events happening on the other parts of the worlds don't concern us just on the opposite end of the planet. Just the opposite is the true. Every day, the globalized world puts new tasks in front of us, which cannot be challenged or solved without any jointly formulated strategy. It doesn't mean, however, that every of our parties cannot choose its own both tactics and means to be adequate its conditions given.

The topics of this 17th IMCWP calls directly to both concretize and name the tasks to be fulfilled by us. It is not only about the list of activities for 2016; it is about the tasks of longer-time character. Every Communist Party or workers' party has determined its own internal both tasks and goals of its activities, let's say, for example, for elections, struggles for citizens' social rights, against right-wing or even neo-fascist governments, against any discrimination or for the right for its very existence.

Every result being reached by our parties influence the fact how we are perceived by the public; if we are trustworthy for them, if our goals meet their needs; if we really struggle for the peace and for the rights of working people or of the socially deprived ones.

Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia's international

conference was held in Prague in May 23 and 24. Many of you participated there. It has shown that there is plenty of topics which the Communist Left-wing can agree with the non-Communist one. The true remains, however, that the Communists seek not only for mere changes, but for a change of order.

Our movement is a part of the period of transition from capitalism to socialism. We proceed from current conditions, which are both more revolutionary and dynamic somewhere for the Communist and workers' parties' activities; somewhere, we struggle against Communist party's ban; and elsewhere, there are Communist parties heading their countries. Nevertheless, more friendly conditions don't mean us don't be alert enough, as it had occurred in the end of last century in Europe, where, as we know from our own experience, the arduously built-up socialist camp broke up also by our own mistakes and by our lack of self-reflection.

We occur in a new situation. More sophisticated weapons are used against the Communist and workers' movement. The social networks are misused by our enemies to provoke the nationalist and pseudo-democratic moods. They become powerful psychological weapon in the hands of Islamic terrorists or of warmongers. On the other hand, these networks have shown to be a source of mobilizations of civil associations or of the discontented citizens' organisations. They have shown, too, to be a possibility to transfer quickly both the calls and the information. The Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia's initiative aims just toward this. In our international conference, we have put on the table a proposal to create the deputies' European network. We present this project gradually to those left-wing parties which are represented either in national parliaments or in the European one. The aim is a quick immediate transfer of the statements on the topics to be very up-to-date, serving for the discussions of deputies' groups or factions for the speeches in these Parliaments. It is about the information don't being distorted by the media. The Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia has committed itself both to take upon itself both the tasks and the costs concerning the creation of such a network. If we are speaking here about the European network, we mean by this to interconnect the deputies' groups and factions from Lisbon to Moscow.

Comrades,

We have prepared for you the written information about the socio-political situation in Czech Republic. Some remarks about it. The coalition headed by the Soc-Dem has been ruling in Czech Republic already two years. Its promised agenda remains on the paper, and the government as a

whole reports to the pressure by the Right-wing ANO movement of the Finance Minister, the billionaire Andrej Babis. The elections into both the Senate and the regions await us in the next year. An election struggle, so to say life-and-death one, has already begun to burn within the government coalition. The government manages yet to coax the public through small both concessions and promises. The corruption constantly proliferates in the country. The situation of our government on the international stage, especially in the EU framework, is even worse. Its members, headed by its prime minister, have been always departing into Brussels, promising to defend the interests of both the country and its citizens, coming back empty-handed, with the concessions made towards the European Commission.

At the same time, our government criticizes the open-door-steps made by President Zeman towards both Russian Federation and China, although they know the impacts of the EU sanctions against the Russian Federation on the Czech economy, as well as they know what means a cooperation with China for the economical development, and, above all, who is able to keep the world's balance of power so far.

The Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia reveals the governmental hypocrisy to the public, and people perceive it. Currently, an inner-party campaign runs within the Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia, to escalate by our party's IX Congress in May 2016. We have given ourselves a task to find allies to realize our agenda defending the interests of the non-privileged and to ensure a socially fair society. We mobilize both the MPs and the chancellors to act more decisively and to stir up the public, the public opinion. It is a task far from easy. These days, 26 years flow since so-called velvet revolution in our country. Meantime, a new generation of citizens has grown up here, who, under right-wing politicians' influence, but "thanks" to the media above all, look at our left-wing policy with both the distrust and the doubts. It is a great obstacle towards by them to be addressed by our party.

Both the achievements and mobilizing events of your parties, however, contribute to their views to be changed. Our citizens see your huge demonstrations, with young people in your ranks, your achievements in the elections. They are the impetuses towards the fact that people are beginning to be thinking about possible changes in the society, about both the decay and the dangers of the current system. The EU isn't longer the "dreamed paradise" for them. They themselves recognize both the vigorousness and the ruthlessness Germany solves the issues with, for example, which kind of policy the US wishes to impose to the Europe through the TTIP, who fuels wars amongst the Slavs for example.

To show the real face of the capitalist system, to teach people to ponder, they are the tasks we in Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia focus on, together with the practical international aid, whether it concerns Communist Party of Ukraine or other Communist Parties.



COMMUNIST PARTY IN DENMARK

ARNE CHELLER

We are living in times where Capitalism is extending its dominion to all areas of society, while at the same time many of its classic strongholds are faltering, and the need to protest and demand changes is growing in the working class and the people. We are also at a stage where the struggle is sharpened and the ambitions and plans of Imperialism may result in a large-scale world war. 41

A situation like this poses increasing demands on the working class and its allies, and of communist parties it demands perseverance, audacity and organization. In Denmark too, we perceive how the EU and NATO are exhibiting an instability that goes far deeper and extends far wider than in the preceding decennia.

The general crisis of Capitalism, expressing itself in financial crises, trade crises, unemployment crises, environmental crises, military crises, and political crises, is becoming more and more evident to working people. The reason is that finance capital has become heavily intertwined with all sectors of Capitalism, and the people is expected to pay for the speculation losses incurred by Capital. And speculation is rampant, since during a crisis of Capitalism larger profits can be reaped by speculation than by production.

In our part of the world, monopoly capital has its own supranational structure, the European Union, with the European Commission as its designated government. It wields its dictatorship over the member countries and associated countries.

National governments are required to ensure that the dictates of the Commission are carried out. This supranational regime toils to implement a further tightening of the current neoliberal policy – the policy of Capitalism.

The capitalist offensive has as its goal the total takeover of all the public tax-paid services and public institutions which the working class for generations has struggled to establish. Big money is made on the people's tax payments. When profit has to be accommodated, less money remains for the recognized intended purposes. Other hallmarks of the offensive are mass dismissals and reduced social security in case of work-related disability and unemployment. Not only in EU member countries but in all countries having capitalist production relations, a lurking fear of unemployment has been generated with the predictable consequences for the solidarity and will to struggle within the working class.

Desperate unemployed people are hounded around in the hunt for jobs, and the workers are played off against each

42 other and have to compete with each other for work. By decree of the EU the nation states grant financial support to businesses wishing to transfer their production to countries with cheaper labor and less strict demands regarding environment and safety at work.

This development deals a hard blow to the notion that a welfare society can actually exist under Capitalism. Nevertheless, the ruling political class asserts that such a welfare society does still exist and that it makes class struggle redundant.

These illusions are now breaking down under the pressure from a growing and increasingly articulate dissatisfaction with the particular parliamentary art of ruling AGAINST the people BY the people. Dozens of different mechanisms contribute to create this state of affairs which ensures that the ruling class is re-elected over and over again – not, perhaps, embodied by the same political parties but conducting the same general policy. Capitalism's control over media and financial resources for election campaigns, the well-known policy of issuing promises and lying about the real aims and doings of the parties – all these turn the bourgeois democracy into a formality with symbolic rather than real civil rights. The result of the parliamentary election in Denmark last summer was an even more Liberalist cabinet than the previous one. The new cabinet immediately launched an attack against the workers, the young, the elderly, and refugees of war.

In Denmark we also perceive how the thrusts of the global strategy of Imperialism is causing a gradual shift in the attitudes of the populace. Our government participates in the bomb raids over Northern Iraq and now wishes to expand the air raids to Syrian territory. With its so-called "activist" foreign policy Denmark fully supports Imperialism, not least U.S. Imperialism. Most recently Denmark has become part of a new joint Northern military flank consisting of Nordic NATO and non-NATO countries. This alliance conducts provocative maneuvers aimed at Russia, the pretext being an inflamed hysteria over Russia's alleged annexation of the Krim peninsula and Eastern Ukraine. The hysteria now also comprises an approaching fight about the North Polar region. These campaigns constitute the justification for Denmark's spending tens of billions on new combat aircraft while reducing social services to the population by a similar amount. Jointly with other righteous forces our Party is at present conducting a subscription campaign against the purchase of these combat aircraft.

We note that the peace movements all over the planet are growing and taking part in the political struggle, and that there is a growing awareness of, and resistance to, the

wars and plots of Imperialism and its suppression of the peoples. This applies to the wars in the Middle East and Northern Africa, the suppression of the Palestinian people by the State of Israel, the establishment of a Fascist regime in Ukraine, the suppression of African countries, and the plans for "replacing" the governments in a number of Latin American countries. There is a growing realization that the fight against Imperialism is crucial to the survival of the planet and the safeguarding of social progress. The subversion of bourgeois democracy, as well as its surveillance and control measures, clearly show that the Capitalist system doesn't solve crises, but rather creates them.

For the past few months, the refugee policy of the EU has topped the politic agenda in Denmark, but our answer to the refugee policy of the Danish Government is not that Denmark should participate in a quota scheme dictated by the EU. The EU does not have and will never have a progressive refugee policy. The EU member states, including Denmark, are active participants in the Middle East wars that millions of people are fleeing. The only way to stop the torrents of war refugees is to stop the wars of Imperialism and force the United States and the EU to pull out of the Middle East and Africa. Those EU countries, first and foremost Germany, that to a certain extent are welcoming refugees, do not do so for humanitarian reasons. German Big Capital is eager to accept hundreds of thousands of highly skilled but solitary and disunited workers who are under the utmost stress both financially and socially. They can be put to use as wage dumpers in the German labour market. It is in this light we must see it, when the Danish government and industry now wish to receive another thousand refugees.

This way, an introductory "integration wage" for refugees can be established and implemented. In reality, this is tantamount to wage dumping.

Pivotal to the construction of the EU State is the concept of common external frontiers. The EU is building Fortress Europe, fortified with barbed wire, police, and the military by means of among others Frontex which has once again been granted additional funding in accordance with the latest agreement between the EU countries. Hungary has made it an offence for refugees to cross its borders.

More countries will follow suit as they attempt to shift the burden unto other countries. For many years, the EU has largely stayed passive vis-a-vis the ever more desperate situation in the refugee camps in the war zones. Instead of helping, army forces are now being deployed to destroy the boats used by fugitives to cross the Mediterranean.

Throughout the years, extreme poverty has sent hundreds

of thousands fleeing towards Europe, driven by the hope of a better life. The main historical and present cause of this poverty is not only the wars of Imperialism. Equally to blame is the brutal financial exploitation of the rich natural resources of these countries by Imperialism and the EU, as well as the EU customs barriers that impair the export prospects of both Middle East and African countries. In this context it is not out of place to mention the exclusive and favourable trade conditions with the EU enjoyed by the apartheid State of Israel.

Both our previous Social Democrat-led government and our present bourgeois one have done their utmost to prevent refugees from reaching Denmark. The present government even exposed Denmark as a racist and inhumane country by publishing certain advertisements in newspapers in Lebanon and other countries. Aroused by this, Danes in massive numbers all over our country staged demonstrations, welcomed refugees and helped them materially. Some even broke a current anti-terror law and illegally took those refugees to Sweden by car who wanted to go there. In the labour market, the Danish unions are active in offering refugees and migrants help to get the same wages as native Danes instead of working as wage dumpers. These efforts have yielded many good results, and the employers have had to pay substantial back payments.

By building on this solidarity in the working class and the whole population, as well as on the resolution, passed at our congress last spring, about building a broad and strong peace movement in our country Danish communists are intensifying their continuing struggle for socialism.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF DENMARK

HENRIK HEDIN

The confrontation between imperialism and the peoples which has been dominating the global theatre for several years is undergoing further aggravation. After being smashed to pieces by an imperialist predatory war, which imperialism would have us believe was a popular rebellion, an offshoot of the "Arab spring", Libya is today in the grip of Islamist hooliganism. The so-called "rebellion" or "civil war" in Syria has evolved into outright war as savage and brutal as not seen for decades, maybe for centuries. New fronts have been opened up in Ukraine and on the Arab peninsula. And behind all this reckless aggressivity and destructivity stands imperialism – US and emerging EU imperialism. **44**

It is far from evident for all that such is the case. Imperialism laid the foundations of its dummy strategy during the Vietnam war and refined it in Afghanistan, and now it has developed it further onto a new and higher level, a dual or second degree dummy war with the imperialist power whose interests the war serves hiding behind a regional client power, which in its turn will be pushing a pretended "insurrectionary" or "revolutionary" movement in front of it: The US, whose aim it is to get rid of the Syrian Baath regime, is not waging an open war against Syria, but is watching and washing its hands in bombing raids against the eastern positions of the Islamic State, while under sanctimonious protests leaving it to Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states to finance, equip and man the Islamist terror battalions which in the west fight the real war on Damascus. This strategy is deceiving many – not least of the Left.

Whereas the US and its Middle East satellites – Israel included – more or less openly support the so-called "Syrian insurgents", among whom IS is only the most fanatic faction, the Syrian government is backed by Russia, Iran and patriotic forces in Lebanon and Iraq. The forces involved in this confrontation are such that there is danger of far more than a civil or regional war. This is especially true after Russia joined the actual fighting.

The case of Ukraine is similar. Only Russia's reluctance has until now prevented a direct military confrontation between the greatest powers of the world. Add to this the mounting tensions in the Pacific region too, and there is no denying that the international situation today is such that even a small slip may open the door to a third world war.

In this context it gets increasingly important that the EU is unfolding more and more its negative sides, externally, in the case of Ukraine, as well as internally, in the case of Greece. The EU was never a peace project as so often pretended, but EU imperialism is now increasingly helping to draw the world towards crisis and war. Fighting EU and im-

45 perialism is becoming more and more of a main task in our epoch.

In such a gloomy situation, it is encouraging that rebellion is budding all over the world.

Latin America is liberating itself from the hegemony of US imperialism and is no longer the "private backyard" of its big neighbour. A majority of countries on the continent are defying the US, solidarizing with socialist Cuba, building their own regional cooperation agencies, and attempting at home to do away with the neoliberal economic and social policy being forced upon them; some of them are experimenting with their own forms of revolution and socialism building. Much of this is imperfect and lacking in its relations to global class struggle, but it is clearly antiimperialistic and a weakening of especially US imperialism, and countries like Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador give hope to a world in which exploitation and oppression rules, in the different countries as well as between them.

Europe has seen popular risings against EU austerity policies prospering in a growing number of countries, even winning significant positions of power, such as Syriza in Greece and Podemos in Spain. These movements are too immature, inaccurate in their aim and too marked by illusions to really show the way in the struggle against capital and reaction; in particular, their lack of courage or will to confront the EU is a weakness which has already proved hampering for their endeavour. A revolutionary movement towards a socialist Europe is by no means what we see. But it is an expression of public discontent and will of change and in this sense a positive trend.

The same is true for the resistance, armed as well as political, against EU expansion in the (few) countries in Europe not yet annexed to the Union. Particularly the armed resistance in Donbass commands respect; less conspicuous, but equally encouraging was the rejection of the Euro by the people of Iceland in defiance of their government some years back. These resistance movements are of course quite complex, subject to nationalist limitations, and not unambiguously revolutionary or even anticapitalist; but they are a strong contribution to weakening EU imperialism. The same goes for the movements of solidarity with fighting Donbass throughout Europe.

I shall refrain from attempting any analysis of the situation in Turkey; but here, too, we are witnessing interesting developments in the light of this incipient world rebellion against imperialism and reaction.

And now to the tasks of the Communists in this situation.

A year ago, the Communist Party of Denmark stated that the working class and people of Denmark is facing a strategic choice:

"Is the present imperialist course to be continued towards a world order dominated by globally operating and imperialist-capitalist corporations in mutual competition combat, to the interests of which states and peoples are forced to adjust?

Or should alternatively a struggle be waged for these imperialist power structures to be replaced by a world order of sovereign and equal states [...]?

In Denmark as in other countries, Communists must set themselves the task of helping the working class and the people reach an understanding of these fundamental alternative options."

This statement was reiterated in the political resolution of our recent 34th Congress and is an important guideline for our work. The vast majority of people in imperialist countries are not able to view imperialism from the outside; they are used to the idea that their system and their way of life is the natural and lawful way which others should imitate, and prone to believing their rulers when they tell them that the purpose of imperialist aggressiveness is to defend freedom and democracy. The task we have set us is one of information and propaganda. It requires that we reach the broadest possible population strata and the most remote circles of society. It requires that we forge a unity the like of which has not been seen for decades – a unity reaching far beyond the narrow circles consciously concerned with socialism. It requires that we act and not just talk as revolutionaries.

The Communist Party of Denmark has throughout its nearly centennial existence proven several times that Danish Communists are able to perform such a task. We are confident that our weakened and divided movement will rise to the challenge and, in doing this, gain new strength and vitality.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF MACEDONIA

PERO ODZAKLIESKI

Dear Comrades,

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On behalf of the Central Committee of the CPM, its members and in my personal name, we would like to express our gratitude to Communist Party of Turkey for their invitation to participate on the 17th International Congress. At the same time we would like to express our support in their struggle against the world's largest evil capitalism – imperialism.

In order to speak and write on this subject should be make an introduction for capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and fascism, class struggles, through the analysis of the early class struggle, its pioneer occurring since the time of the French Revolution and later Rosa Luxembourg and Karl Liebknecht representatives of German Communist Party. Of course here we must not ignore either like - minded participants in the October Revolution in Russia led by Lenin and chain appear of this class struggle. Proletarian struggle and internationalism of the occurrence of the October Revolution transmit chain spontaneous organized revolts in Cuba, Spain, Mexico, Austria-Hungary and the area of the former Yugoslavia with the sole purpose of releasing the worker, the villager, and the soldier from the yoke of the defenders of the bourgeoisie. The October Revolution undoubtedly contributes to the world proletariat rise to their feet in a struggle for their rights. Only like this, learning through Luxembourg - Lenin can understand that the proletarian struggle can succeed when run in continuity throughout the world to the ultimate victory, through unselfish internationalism, ie anywhere and always helping struggles against imperialism and bourgeois nationalism.

Imperialism as a world domination of the stronger over the weaker more precisely colonial domination of economic, cultural and territorial relations represents the greatest evil for the proletarian world. Of course it must be noted here that the United States is considered to be the main carrier of imperialism, but must not omit the fact that in conjunction with the United States is the entire Western capitalist bloc. As a conclusion of all this should be taken for example the Libyan War where the leading role had the U.S. But here must not be forgotten and the role in the operation that had the British, the French military and other militaries.

Imperialism is considered the highest stage of capitalism and everyday we see hour by hour, day by day, year by year, increasing its influence around the world through the so-called "Peaceful democratic way", and those countries which will oppose and resist, they will be militarily defeated as so-called "non-democratic regimes".

But imperialism must not unilaterally accepted as a historical phenomenon from the point that wars were before, but these wars, these subjugation are precisely defined from the aspect of economic dominance, ie exploitation by imperialist powers through the utilization of energy resources, mineral wealth, a cheap labor force, etc. Also we must not think that these appear have come accidentally. Also we must not believe that these appear come accidentally. A hundred years ago for such complex phenomena spoke mentioned Rosa Luxemburg, Karl Liebknecht, Lenin, the English liberal John Hobsbawm in the book *Imperialism 1902*. These analysts complement Marx's learning because in the 19th century the industrialization was at lower stage, more precisely at that time dominated small and medium-sized companies that competed locally. However Marx predicted that the time will come to the concentration and centralization of capital, which is true and at the same time this has been confirmed already in the early 20th century by his students, mentioned in the text. Capital accumulation creates large corporations that centralize the whole flow of capital, is not very long time ago, we remember in our ordinary daily necessities we were going to the neighborhood stores, but now are different, eg. Trade is concentrated in large commercial chains so that small colonial are closed and people remains without their jobs. All economic flows flowing concentrated by big concerns and they are increasingly, but also on the other hand, the same capital is concentrated in a smaller number of heavy billionaire capitalists. All that imperialism has applied through its mechanisms, for and about world domination, the same was applied, and after the collapse of the socialist bloc in Europe and in the Balkans. Since the beginning of the 90s of the last century, world imperialism through various domestic counter revolutionists managed to broke down the socialist countries, turning them into "liberal" economies. "Good positive imperialists", disassemble the socialist system and created a mechanism for global exploitation as financial and raw and intellectual good. Off record data about the exhaustion of the good from tormented socialist - European bloc with Russia for a period of 20 years reaches astounding 10 - 15,000 billion by the imperialist financial and industrial trusts. Almost all state banks on the territory of Eastern Europe overnight became owned by foreign capitalists. Through the false doctrine that with passing into private property and liberal Monetarism, the finances and economy will experience such growth so that the people from the post-socialist countries would be delighted. But instead of false promise that was given, that average pay - pension will be about a thousand euro's over seven hundred euro's, that will increase the number of new jobs, on the territory of Eastern Europe, happened the opposite. Millions of people were left on the street, and the

pensioners not to mention, they barely survive every day. But despite the economic dependence, the SEE countries have also become depends military and political and not having opportunities to develop their own defense Forces were drawn by imperialism in military alliances - pacts (e.g. NATO pact). Through mechanisms for identical logistics arming and buying these dependent countries (the arming from the capitalist market), occurred completely pumping of financial goods which were negative. To be sure and under control, the imperialist interests install and NATO bases in the different regions of Europe and the world and thereby they gain the entire control in regions i.e. Eastern bloc countries. To be safe from any appearance of dissatisfaction, the western imperialism through its installed mechanisms (such as. International courts, etc.), are making pressure i.e. suspend any possibility for expressing any dissatisfaction. Having in their own hands the world's largest information funds, they sell unseen propagandas, fake frauds, fakes truths, etc.

Such imperialism has used its biggest joker in the conquest of world domination, and it is a social-democratic so-called Left, taking advantage as a modern European "Left" to mitigate the proletarian labor protests and movements Those same social democrats are making single entries into the rows of the communist parties, for in certain times of crisis to soften the sharpness of class antagonisms between monopoly capital and the employee. The same put in coupling and union leadership, and act through them in the area of mitigating their reactions, i.e. through empty verbalism as supposedly they are on the side of the worker.

From the above and looking at the current exposure situation arising following conclusions:

More and more capitalists - imperialists constrict the hoops for greater exploitation of small countries and their working man. Events are not random as in parts of Asia, Africa, South America, Middle East, etc. All these events encourage the need to strengthen the communist and workers' parties and movements, if it is considered that the experience of the Communists is a need for protecting such employee and labor rights as well as the defense of the countries of internal contradictions and external influences to those countries. I personally believe that from the regularity of the communist ideology as the "vanguard" of the working class must not deviate. This observation brings the world to two theses such as follows:

- The first is capitalist and imperialist world, where most of the globe is in total exploitative situation with usurped democracy and shortened workers' and people's rights.
- Second - the path of liberation from bondage of impe-

rialism - the road of freedom with all the rights to equality of nations and countries around the world, the road to Socialism, the only way for freedom of the worker.

Must come to the breakdown of capitalism and thereby to end the exploitation of man by man. In this time when is absolutely obvious that capitalism has no solution for employee and labor rights it is necessary massive grouping of communist and workers' movements at national, regional and international level with mutual cooperation of each other in the creation of a comprehensive wide anti-imperialist front. The ideological struggle of the communist movement is of vital importance for the defense of socialism. The demolition of capitalism and the construction of socialism are imperative for the working man. Only socialism and socialist movements can contribute to reduce and exterminate the wars, the emergence of nationalism, unemployment, hunger and misery. All communist and labor forces in the world to mobilize to win over the undecided masses in their ranks to battle until the final victory of the world's largest evil capitalism - imperialism. The future of the common man, the worker in the world, belongs to socialism - communism.

Down with capitalism - imperialism

Long live socialism - communism

GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

GÜNTER POHL

Dear comrades,

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In the beginning I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude towards our TKP comrades for the excellent work they have done to make this conference happen. They have been doing so during an extremely complicated situation in their country and their struggles.

I would like to start with a few words about the issue of refugees and about our role in Germany.

People continue to drown in the Mediterranean, they continue to suffocate in containers and trucks—also, of course, because traffickers want to earn money on them and their misery. Why, however, is this such a profitable business? First, because of the closed borders of the European Union. Second, because of the so-called Dublin Convention which makes it virtually impossible to apply for asylum in any of the rich EU countries.

Third and decisive, because the EU rulers in union with the US imperialism and often with their aggressive NATO alliance are the prime cause of the fleeing.

In various coalitions, the national integrity's destruction was fostered in Syria, Iraq, and Libya. The goal was to overthrow the governments who were not or not completely at the biddings of highly developed Western imperialisms. Any lie, almost any means and any possible ally was alright for this. What's the point of today's hypocrisy about the Islamic State? The vacuum in power aroused has created space for those forces, and their allies, such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Qatar have armed and financed them. In addition we ought to remember: the arms manufacturers earn money from both sides—including German ones in the first row such as Heckler & Koch. They earn on arms exports and on licensing the production of their arms.

This warfare is a major cause for today's fleeing of millions. Other ones are hunger, underdevelopment and lack of perspective caused by the international relations of exploitation. The German rulers' propaganda is attempting to split. Refugees who flee hunger and misery are defamed as lower-rung refugees, or "economic refugees".

Countries are being declared safe "third-party states" in order to deport refugees there quickly.

The rulers split and of course they also play off refugees against the marginalised in their own country, refugees against the domestic working class. Our task is to make clear:

51 It is the same groups who profiteer from the starvation of Greece, the world-wide underdevelopment and from the cuts of welfare (Hartz-laws) in our country. This is the second fact and the second background for today's fleeing of millions in addition to warfare.

What has the DKP got to do?

* We must stand against racism everywhere at any time—the institutional one, that by organised racist scum, and also the latent one in pub and neighbourhood.

* We have to inform about the reasons for fleeing and about those who make money on them. This is crucial to prevent the separation of the refugees in those who are welcome—favourites are multilingual, well educated and exploitable—and the unwelcome. We demand an unlimited right to asylum, and we demand the right to stay for all refugees.

* Halt the arms exports and halt the destabilisation of Syria, Iraq, and Libya. This will soon and sharply reduce the masses' fleeing.

* Halt the military plans and deployments against so-called traffickers—the war against traffickers has no effect on the reasons for the fleeing. In fact it means, the murderer is shouting "Stop thief!"

* We demand for accommodation fit for human beings and decent conditions for all refugees.

* And particularly in this very situation we demand the ban on racist and fascist gatherings.
Fascism is not an opinion, but a crime. There is no right to nazi propaganda, and there is no right to racism!

Dear comrades,

German imperialism has pursued a subtle strategy. During the run-up to the deepening of the current crisis of capitalism, it abused the mass unemployment of those times for drastic cuts in social security and thus induced massive fear of social decline in the working class's conscience.

This again it abused to convert Germany into a low-pay country compared to its enormously high labour productivity. I already talked about this issue at our meeting in 2013. This tendency has been continued, and German imperialism used the imperialist construction EU to starve—partly in competition and partly in collaboration with the French imperialism—the peripheral EU countries.

By this means, Germany's monopoly capital went through

the crisis quite unharmed and in addition succeeded in attaching sectors of the working class which are important for the conscience of the class as a whole and for the trade unions. These sectors are predominantly parts of large concerns staff who have indefinite duration labour contracts. To them some concessions were made and then emphasized how well "Germany" was managing the crisis. This ideology has an impact. Inside the unions many make up their minds about how to safeguard the "industrial location" Germany. It blurs the class contradiction, and it is a fertile substrate for nationalism and racism.

Unfortunately, the rulers in Germany have succeeded in sweeping away proletarian internationalism almost entirely. In particular in regard to the dramatic exploitation of the people in Greece, the German working class has not complied with their responsibility.

In Greece some laws of capitalism and class struggle have proved true. The elections of January 25th, when one out of three voters decided for the leftist party Syriza, led to a swing to the left. The DKP analysed the results as a "shift to left in class conscience" and declared our solidarity with the Greek people in their attempt to free themselves from the Troika's "inhuman, anti-social austerity politics". But the DKP has not spread illusions, because the laws of capitalism cannot be abolished by mere desires. This is even less possible when the government misses or even avoids to mobilise the people for their demands. Whilst in 2010 and 2011 there massive struggles and strikes were still carried out, these activities receded after Syriza's first election successes in 2012 due to hope for successful agent's politics. They were reduced to the struggles pursued by PAME and the KKE.

In terms of participating in a government, the CP of Greece's directives have proved correct—no coalition in a government which tries to deceive into believing there is a way out of the debt crisis without a breakaway from the EU.

Dear comrades,

In two weeks the delegates to the 21st party convention of the DKP will meet. We suppose that the convention will confirm the heading already set by the 20th convention. We believe we can record first indicators for the party's consolidation and some success. Here we can mention the improvement in the relationship to the youth organisation closely related to us, the Socialist German Workers Youth (SDAJ). We can mention a plus in our standing in Eastern Germany, and the recuperation of self-confidence among our cadres.

Sure, the process towards a strong, firmly rooted commu-

nist party in Germany takes time.
The DKP is ready to meet this challenge.

This will not end the conflicts inside the party. Parts of the members who oppose the heading decided for on the 20th party convention have exacerbated fractional tendencies.

We would like to inform all of you that our party executive considers the organisation which has named itself "Marxistische Linke—Marxist Left" and which in parts tries to work on international level a fractional structure.

The 21st party convention will have to deal with this. But it is more important to analyse the global, European, and national developments, and to sharpen our strategy. The draft of the main motion presumes that we will have to expect increasing aggressiveness of German imperialism in the interior and towards the exterior. We suppose that the working class in our country is extremely insufficiently prepared for this situation. Hence we define the intensification of the struggle against militarism and fascism as our major tasks, and we sharpen the understanding of our role for this.

We are very happy that quite a number of sister parties will be able to attend our convention.

Among our recent successes for sure also counts last year's festival of our weekly newspaper *Unsere Zeit* (Our Times). It had a strong impact on the party and beyond. We thank everybody who were able to attend, and hereby invite you to the upcoming festival which will be held in Dortmund from 1st to 3rd July next year



COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE

DIMITRIS KOUTSOUMPAS

Dear comrades,

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We are particularly happy to be here with you for the work of the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties in Istanbul.

I would particularly want to underline the unwavering bonds that connect the communist movements of the two neighbouring peoples, the Greek and the Turkish peoples.

And using this opportunity we express our thanks to the Communist Party in Turkey for hosting today's meeting.

We express our full solidarity with the struggling Turkish people, our support for the families of the victims of murderous provocation that led to the death and serious injuries of hundreds of our fellow people in Ankara, while they were demonstrating for justice and peace.

In the recent period, all humanity has focused its gaze on the sea between Turkey and Greece. They saw tens of thousands of people seeking to cross the Aegean Sea in every way imaginable, to reach some Greek island after leaving the Turkish coast with the aim of heading to other European countries, in order to seek a "better future".

This "passage" has proved fatal for thousands of people, for many children, who perished struggling against the waves. However, the factor that led so many people to uproot themselves from their homes has a name. It is capitalist barbarity that creates economic crises, poverty and unemployment, imperialist wars and interventions.

The KKE struggles against the causes that lead to refugees and immigration; it struggles against Nazism-fascism and its representatives today in Greece, who sought amongst other things to use this major issue of immigration waves in order to sow nationalism, xenophobia and racism amongst the people.

Our party calls on the people, the labour-people's movement to be vigilant and to intensify their solidarity with refugees and immigrants, demanding:

The end of the imperialist interventions and wars of the EU-USA-NATO. No Greek participation in them.

The abolition of the Dublin Regulations, the Schengen Agreement, Frontex and all the other repressive mechanisms of the EU.

No to the EU's measures for repression at the borders.

Immediate transit of refugees from the island and entry points to their final destination countries, under the re-

The creation of decent reception centres. The creation of decent reception centres. The increase of personnel and strengthening of the infrastructure related to rescue, registration-identification, accommodation-food-care and the safe transit to the country's exit points.

Dear comrades,
Our region, the region between Europe and Asia, the Black Sea and the Middle East, the region of the Eastern Mediterranean like a magnet attracts hundreds of warplanes and warships, as well as every other kind of military hardware.

Military forces from dozens of countries, inside and outside of NATO, are constantly participating in military exercises and some of them have already been used in battles in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine etc. What we have described is just the tip of the iceberg of the intense inter-imperialist competition which endangers the peoples.

This is a competition that is being expressed over the division of the raw materials, the transport routes of the commodities, the market shares. In short, over capitalist profit, which is the motor force of capitalist society. A society that is based on the exploitation of man by man.

In recent years, due to the consequences of the counter-revolutions in countries of socialist construction, and also due to the capitalist crisis that reshuffled the deck, due to uneven capitalist development, we can see the inter-imperialist competition sharpening. The famous so-called "multi-polar world" is none other than the world of harsh inter-imperialist confrontations, which are being waged with economic, diplomatic and military means, as it is well-known that "war is the continuation of politics by other means".

We all know that in Ukraine we had the open intervention of the USA, EU, NATO in the framework of their competition with Russia, while the previous relations of socialist cooperation and integration inside the Soviet Union had already been overturned. The intervention of the USA-NATO-EU, relying on nationalist and even openly fascist forces, has led this country to collapse and unspeakable bloodshed.

We see similar developments in the Middle East region, where there was an attempt to hijack and exploit the people's desire for social and democratic rights. Through the vehicle of the so-called "Arab Spring", there was an attempt to "recompose" the international alliances in the region, and possibly to carry out some bourgeois modernizations. The USA, the EU and their "allies" in the region, like the

authoritarian regimes in the Gulf and Turkey trained and supported the jihadists of the "Islamic State" in order to advance their plans.

The same is true of the developments in Syria, where after the interventions of the EU, USA and NATO, the knot of antagonisms is being further complicated by Russia. It goes beyond the whiff of gunpowder, the wider region of the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean is being threatened. There is a real danger that the entire region could explode.

It is precisely these major contradictions in the region that increase the danger of a generalization of the military conflicts, because in our wider region imperialist centres like the USA, NATO and the EU, old and new emerging powers like Russia, China, Turkey, Israel, the Arab monarchies in the Gulf, are coming into conflict, with a real danger of the greater involvement of other countries, like Greece.

The SYRIZA-ANEL government in only 7 months of ruling has proposed the creation of a new NATO-US base on Karpathos, the establishment of a multi-national command and control unit on Crete, as well as the expansion and reinforcement of the Suda base.

While now it is ready to accept the request of the USA so that the notorious drones of the US airforce can station on Greek territory and specifically in Crete in order to bomb the region and of course create new waves of refugees and immigrants. The peoples, like the Greek people, will once again pay the price for this.

The issue of the EEZ is more clearly bringing to the fore the savage confrontation amongst the imperialist powers, old and new, something that further entangles our country in the danger of being involved in an imperialist war at the side of one or the other predatory alliance.

The participation of Greek governments in these plans serves the interests of Greek capital which aims to increase its share in the redivision of the markets, i.e. from the robbery carried out against the peoples.

The Greek government, on behalf of the Greek bourgeoisie, Greek capital, is advancing the aim of transforming Greece into an energy hub and thus involving it in the competition over the energy transport routes and pipelines like TAP

We can not really understand these developments and, what is important, examine what we should do if we do not study some factors:

For example, the synchronized character of the capitalist economic crisis in the last decade that has affected powerful capitalist states. It is doubtful whether these states will achieve a dynamic expanded reproduction at pre-crisis levels. This crisis is due to the nature of the capitalist system and demonstrates its boundaries.

In these conditions, the realignments in the correlation of forces amongst the capitalist states are accelerating. New powers are emerging that seek a redivision of the markets that is to their benefit.

They are seeking this, using all means available-economic, diplomatic, with compromises and fragile agreements, but when this is not possible military means are used. This is how capitalism, the system of exploitation, functions.

That "war is the continuation of politics by other means" is absolutely valid. When the system, the ruling class can not service its predatory interests it resorts to open war. This has been demonstrated at many points in history.

We should not forget that before the two previous world wars, major global capitalist crises had broken out.

It is a tremendous historical inaccuracy what is said and written in the history books, in the books of the bourgeois political economy, which are taught in schools and universities, something that various social-democratic forces, like SYRIZA in Greece, as well as opportunist forces in the communist movement loudly proclaim: that the great capitalist crisis of the period 1929-1932 was solved by the Keynesian management! This is used to excuse their own anti-people management formula, their anti-people strategy, like that of SYRIZA in our country.

In fact, the crisis was finally overcome by the enormous destruction of productive forces in World War II and after the economy was first oriented to the military industry,

These are not theoretical and academic issues. They are issues that above all must be learned and understood by the youth. They are historical experiences that should be used to see how developments are moving today, where things are going, what should be done to get rid of this barbarity

The capitalist system, especially today when it is in its highest and final stage of imperialism, can offer nothing positive to the workers, to the peoples, but only an intensity of class exploitation, oppression, naked barbarity, economic crises and wars.

All this demonstrates one great truth to the peoples of the

entire world: that capitalist crisis and imperialist war go together.

That is why today the slogan "the people and especially the youth should not shed blood for the interests of capital, of the exploiters." is extremely important.

And as regards the workers of our countries, this is not safeguarded by the participation of our countries in the imperialist organizations, the EU and NATO that is accepted by all the bourgeois parties, liberal and social-democratic, left and right, and in Greece this includes the parties from ND, SYRIZA, until Nazi Golden Dawn.

It is not safeguarded by the logic cultivated by various parties that the people should choose imperialist, select a block of imperialist powers, a block of international geopolitical alliances.

It is something entirely different for worker's-people's power to utilize existing contradictions and different interests of capitalist states and quite another to attach oneself to an imperialist alliance, a union of capitalist states, with the illusion that this could benefit the working class and the people and the prospect of people's power, socialism.

We believe that the communist movement must utilize the inter-imperialist contradictions, with the aim of weakening the imperialist alliances, destabilizing capitalist power in its country or other country, whether the aggressor or the one under attack.

For a CP to correctly utilize the inter-imperialist contradictions it must not be trapped in the plans of any imperialist centre, it must defend the vital working class interests in its country, in the region and at an international level.

In this direction, the KKE seeks to actively highlight the consequences of our country's participation in the imperialist unions, their interventions, in imperialist war for the working class and people. We fight against the irredentist nationalist slogans. We fight to isolate the fascist forces and the supporters of Euro-atlanticism, to isolate all those who work to create a "pro-war current".

Our party directly raises the issue of Greece withdrawing from all the imperialist alliances, such as NATO and the EU, underlining that this can be ensured by workers'-people's power, the socialist development path.

At the same time we stress that the struggle for the defense of borders, for Greece's sovereign rights, from the standpoint of the working class and the popular strata,

56 is inextricably linked to the struggle for the overthrow of capital's power and of course, has nothing to do with the defense of the plans of the various imperialist poles or the defense of the profitability of the various monopoly consortia.

The working class, the popular strata and their youth, in our opinion, have only one choice:

They must put an end to the system that gives rise to exploitation, crises and wars, to direct the militant insurgent forces towards the overthrow of capitalism and the construction of the new socialist society.

Dear comrades,

Today the bourgeoisie, benefiting from the negative correlation of forces internationally, is carrying out an ideological offensive, seeking to gain not just the passive toleration but the active support of the working class-popular masses for its imperialist plans, concerning issues related to imperialist interventions and wars.

Here, beyond the issue of defending the "homeland" and other new pretexts are being utilized such as the "promotion of democracy", "humanitarian reasons", the "war against terrorism", "combating piracy", "the non-dissemination of weapons of mass destruction", "the prevention of the immigration and refugee current", "the protection of religious and national minorities" etc.

Unfortunately, there are still forces that call themselves "leftwing", "progressive" and pro-labour which accept these imperialist pretexts.

We consider that the forces that participate in the Party of the European Left and voted in favour of the NATO intervention in Libya and accepted the imperialists' arguments regarding Syria bear enormous responsibilities. They had a similar stance towards the earlier imperialist interventions in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

In conditions where the inter-imperialist contradictions are sharpening, the workers must not have illusions that it is possible via "round tables" or "regional security systems" to prevent war. The events in Syria, Ukraine etc demonstrate that the "peaceful path" for the resolution of the problem of the division of markets sometimes remains closed to capitalism, imperialism. Then there is only one way out: the new division of the markets and spheres of influence through violence, military conflicts, new imperialist wars.

The communist movement must hold a decisively indepen-

dent class ideological-political stance and fight against any attempt to co-opt the peoples to the aims of the bourgeoisies, whether they be older or new emerging sections of this class.

It is particularly important for the communist movement to have a consistent ideological-political front against every imperialist power, regardless of how it presents itself.

Dear comrades,

We must not overlook the fact that in the context of the fierce competition, which alternatively is expressed as an economic, political or diplomatic war, there is the confrontation over the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). The TTIP is proceeding very slowly, as sections of the French and German bourgeoisies consider that the US proposals are a "Trojan Horse" in order to secure US hegemony in Europe in the medium term.

The recent US acts to expose the scandal of the Volkswagen pollution emissions and the similar attempts to reveal the illegal funds of Siemens by the USA are examples of the sharpening of the competition between the USA and Germany in the sphere of the economy. It is becoming obvious that the US pressure on Germany is increasing in order to advance the TTIP.

Another front is the confrontation underway inside the EU itself around issues of the further deepening or not of capitalist unification, where France, Italy and also more discreetly Britain (in the medium term) are disputing Germany's primacy.

In addition, the confrontation of the USA-EU against Russia over Ukraine is a major and special issue that is connected to energy policies in Europe and elsewhere.

Another important issue is the exacerbation of the contradictions between USA and China, in the first phase economically, while there is intense activity at the military level as well for the control of the Pacific.

Inside the framework of the competition between stronger and less powerful capitalist states, a number of contradictions and conflicts over the demarcation of sovereign rights in the region of the Eastern Mediterranean, which is rich in hydrocarbons, remain unresolved. Characteristic examples of this are: the war in Israel-Lebanon, the Cyprus question, the Palestinian issue and the contradictory nature of the relations between Israel and Turkey.

All of these point to the danger of a general imperialist con-

frontation in the Middle East, in Eurasia and the world more generally and are rightly of concern to communists.

Dear comrades,

It is true that the bourgeoisie of our country is not united as regards what formula will contribute to the most rapid and stable capitalist recovery. This is also true of the bourgeoisie at a European and international level. The entire web of inter-imperialist contradictions is manifesting itself in the context of these formulas and variations. Axes and anti-axes are altering quite frequently and while it is understood that the capitalist system, especially in capitalist Europe, can not use Keynesian measures, general state productive investments and social benefits in the same way as it had done in the past in order to boost the market.

The formulas of Keynesian and liberal management of the crisis are confronting each other on this terrain, both with the same class aims. These management models frequently alternated during the 20th century and of course did not prevent cycles of economic crisis, dozens of local wars for the redivision of markets or to change the first positions in the imperialist pyramid.

The character of the strategy and tactics of parties is not determined by how they define themselves ideologically (left, socialist, communist), but by how they act in relation to the basic interests of the classes in society. And chiefly in relation to the two basic opposing classes, the bourgeoisie and the working class. In addition they are defined by how they deal with the intermediate social strata, which are characterized by significant stratification and differentiations of interests amongst them as well as regards what common interests they have with the working class.

A policy of supporting the general interests of the bourgeois class is being followed not just by bourgeois liberal parties but also by parties with leftwing, socialist or even communist references that are calling on the working class and the popular strata to contribute to and support the goals of the capitalist class, such as "productive reconstruction", "the enhancement of national production-economy", "modernization", of bourgeois economic and political structures etc. In other words, they are pushing the people into fighting under a false flag instead of their own flag, into choosing between the various anti-people governments for the management of the system.

As is also the case in our country, the people are being trapped by the question of government; they are being trapped into supporting the reformation of the bourgeois political system, in conditions when the older bourgeois

parties and social-democracy are in decline.

In these conditions we can observe fluidity and mobility in the bourgeois parties, both in those that are liberal and those that are social-democratic in ideology.

In the conditions of the prolonged economic crisis in Greece, on the one hand we saw the emergence of national socialism-fascism as a parliamentary party, detaching forces from ND, and on the other hand the regroupment of social-democracy, through the formation of SYRIZA, also assimilating opportunist forces which had sprung up over the last 25 years.

At the same time, there continues to be fluidity in the centre-left, social-democracy (PASOK) and the opportunist pole as a current of the communist movement (ANTARSYA, Popular Unity, other forces that claim they will form a new revolutionary workers' party).

Our party studies these realignments which had negative consequences on the electoral influence of the KKE itself over the last 3 years, despite the fact that it maintains significant forces in the national and EU parliaments, and chiefly maintains the ability to intervene militantly in conditions of a major retreat of the movement and of combativeness. It is able to influence forces well beyond its electoral influence, in the struggles of the workers, farmers and people for survival.

Certain "well-wishers", who are allegedly interested in the strengthening of the KKE- mainly in the previous period, now after the failed experiment of SYRIZA they are of course quieter- criticized us because we do not promote cooperation with SYRIZA or some sections of it with the aim of halting the downward spiral of the people's living standards and then afterwards to examine how the struggle will progress to socialism, because allegedly these forces remained stably in favour of this perspective.

They are proposing that we again adopt a political line that has already been tried and tested in Greece as well, e.g. the cooperation with the government of George Papandreou after the liberation in 1944, the support provided to the Centre Union by EDA (the United Left Front where communists were active) in the 1960s before the military dictatorship. Alternative forms of management of the system were tested in many European capitalist states before the crisis (as both centre-left and centre-right formulas had been tried out), with the participation of communist parties and other opportunist, renewal as they call themselves, parties that arose from splits in the CPs. We have also seen governments, even if relatively short-lived, with the participation

58 of far-right parties as in Austria, Netherlands, Norway etc. We have seen alternation between parties with different formulas of bourgeois management in Latin America as well.

They are proposing that we ignore the relationship between politics and the economy; they are telling us to forget that the monopolies prevail everywhere in the economy and the superstructure and are being reinforced through centralization of capital, that Greece's integration into the EU in reality imposes greater commitments and dependencies, new restrictions and concessions of rights and powers.

They are suggesting that we overlook the fact that capitalist relations have extended into agricultural production, education, health, culture, sports, the Mass Media. That there is a greater concentration of capital in manufacturing, retail, construction, tourism. That with the abolition of the state monopoly in telecommunications, energy and transport, businesses have developed and chiefly those based on private capital. Enormous European monopolies are pouncing like crows in order to buy property, businesses, land, while interest is mounting around the prospect of the extraction of hydrocarbons in the Aegean and Ionian seas, and in the region south of Crete.

That we should forget that the capitalists, the monopolies are the economically dominant class, while the government and parliament are their organs.

And that SYRIZA, as a party of government, accepts the monopolies, the EU, the capitalist businesses, their competitiveness, as the motor force of the economy.

SYRIZA played an especially valuable role for the bourgeois class, chiefly in order to avert political instability in conditions of a prolonged economic crisis and the major reduction of the workers'-people's income. Only a party with social-democratic references, like SYRIZA, could curtail the mass popular protests, as Juncker also admitted.

Certain parties, of various political shades, elevate as the main issue, capable of constituting the basis for the cooperation of anti-memorandum forces, the question of dealing with the "neo-colonial" situation that has enveloped the country, as it is under the guardianship, the heel of the Troika. They say that the country has lost or is endanger of losing its national status and independence.

Of course, Greece has a subordinate position inside the established imperialist alliances in which it participates (EU, NATO, IMF etc). This position, however, arises from its economic-political-military strength as a capitalist state.

This is the source of the unequal relations that prevail amongst capitalist states-allies (antagonistic relations that can even lead to rupture and war), which does not negate the common basis of the alliance. History has shown the dangers related to the uneven development of capitalist states, the unequal antagonistic relations between them when the differences are not resolved by political and economic methods, lead to these states choosing military methods, war, state violence. Capitalism does not just advance capitalist internationalization, the various forms of imperialist unions, whether formal or informal, and is not just permeated by cosmopolitanism, but also by nationalism and belligerent tensions.

All the parties promoted the Greek problem as being a European one. This view is accompanied by the position that there can be no pro-people changes at a national level, beyond the alternation of governments, i.e. changes in the political personnel of the system and not in the economy. I.e. that the people can not struggle for another socialist society. It fosters the utopian and compromised view that radical changes, overthrows, will either happen simultaneously throughout Europe as a whole or globally, or nowhere at all. "Left" governments, like SYRIZA-ANEL, with this slogan, demand submission as regards the new deterioration of the workers'-people's living standards.

Greece today has major unutilized productive potential which can be liberated only through the socialization of the means of production by the working class-people's power, with the Central Scientific Planning of production and workers' control at every level of its organization.

We raise the issue that the preconditions exist in order to satisfy not just the people's needs in general, but the people's needs today. To abolish unemployment, to reduce the working hours, to increase free time. To secure a certain future for the children of the workers, to stably and substantially improve the people's living standards. So that development does not come into conflict with the environment, so that health is based on prevention, that there will be an extended network of exclusively public and free services, along with other issues that we have positions on. The family and mainly women should be liberated from the exclusively private care of children, the elderly, the chronically ill. There should be extensive social services to support maternity, positive discrimination so that maternity is combined with social labour, so that women have more time available for cultural and social activity and to participate in workers' control.

Greece possesses important domestic energy sources, considerable mineral resources, industrial, craft and agri-

cultural production which can meet a large part of the people's needs: in food and energy, transport, the construction of public infrastructure works and people's housing. The agricultural production can support industry in its various sectors.

The position supported by SYRIZA and other parties that demand a new "haircut" of the debt, adopting the IMF position, is completely different from the KKE's position in favour of the unilateral cancellation of the entire debt and not its reduction through equivalents, new measures, new memoranda, new anti-people programmes, with privatizations of strategically significant sectors and property etc.

The withdrawal from the Eurozone, as proposed by some, or the view that the euro is not a fetish have nothing to do with the KKE's position for disengagement from the EU.

The KKE's position that there should be no participation in any imperialist union, something that will be ensured by workers' power, is completely different to the position for withdrawal from the EU in order to enhance participation in other centres.

The KKE's proposal for the governance of workers'-people power has nothing in common with SYRIZA's proposal for a "left" government. Especially now that the Greek people have got to know at first hand "the first and second time left" that votes for memoranda and anti-people prerequisite measures.

In the first instance we are talking about the radical change in political power, in the second instance a mere change in government-figures that will operate within the same framework as the previous governments, as the monopolies and capital will determine the decisions and choices made for economic recovery.

Comrades,

Our party from the beginning of the 1990s confronted the reformist and opportunist view that we are living in the era of the return of liberalism, which is called neo-liberalism. This view argued that on this basis it is necessary to establish an anti-neoliberal front. This position is also prevalent today and indeed is used to explain the basic cause of the crisis. This is an ideological construct that is widely used by SYRIZA and social-democracy in general. We exposed, using concrete arguments, that the abandonment of Keynesian management was a necessary choice which corresponded to the needs of capital for expanded reproduction, after the general crisis at the beginning of the 1970s.

Nevertheless, many CPs enthusiastically promoted

Keynesian programmes and on this basis cooperation with social-democracy. This position was based on whether social-democracy was being drawn to neo-liberalism or not. In this way, the ideological front against it was weakened to a great extent. In the name of the unity of the working class (which looked to the creation of governments together with social-democracy or a section of it) the CPs carried out serious ideological and political retreats, while the declarations of unity on the part of social-democracy did not look to the overthrow of the capitalist system, but to the class alienation of the working class and to detaching it from the influence of communist ideas.

The great Leninist legacy is timely, the lesson that the victory of the working class, the exploited people, and even the rise of the class struggle is not possible without a struggle against opportunism that is unrelenting and uncompromising. That the content of the struggle was different in the conditions of the development of the bourgeois revolution and that it is different today in the era of the transition from capitalism to socialism, in the conditions of the highest stage of capitalism.

In any case, no party can become a party of government if it does not provide the relevant credentials to the capitalists as a class, to their domestic and international personnel. This has been confirmed by the actions of SYRIZA. It is a myth that universal suffrage in capitalism can change the correlation of forces between the opposing classes. For this reason the issue of whether a government based on parliament can contribute to the beginning of the revolutionary process is groundless and utopian, we would say completely misleading, on the basis of the experience of the 20th and the first part of the 21st centuries.

The KKE attaches importance to all the forms of struggle in non revolutionary conditions, such as today's, and utilizes the electoral struggle and its parliamentary presence to inform the people, to reveal what is being planned at their expense, to impede-as far as possible on the basis of the correlation of forces-the antiworker, antipeople measures, above all to strengthen the class struggle so that the need for total conflict is understood by more people.

In this framework, the KKE focuses on the regroupment of the labour-people's movement, the construction of the social alliance with a rise in class struggle, the expansion of the communist party's bonds with new forces of working men and women, other employees, farmers and self-employed, mainly youth and women from the popular families, with the construction of robust party organizations in all the workplaces, in strategic sectors of the economy. The struggle against capitalism, imperialist interventions

60 and wars, Nazism-fascism that is rearing its head again, requires strong communist parties in our countries, with a strategy of conflict and overthrow, with coordination and common action, chiefly ensuring common strategic activity and the preparation of forces to fight against capitalist exploitation, imperialist barbarity and to pave the way for the only hopeful future for humanity, socialism.

Today is the period that will determine the existence, maintenance and regroupment of the revolutionary vanguard, so that it is capable of directing the insurgent working class-popular masses towards the revolutionary solution, when the mood of masses and situation matures due to the sharp and general crisis of bourgeois power.

The KKE, which took on the responsibility of organizing the international meetings after the counterrevolutions, will continue the effort, despite the difficulties, both inside the International Meetings, and also through other forms, which in our estimation not only do not come into contradiction with the IMCWP but act in a way that reinforces and promotes joint activity and the formation of a unified revolutionary strategy of the communist movement, on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and Proletarian internationalism.

As the great Turkish communist poet, Nazim Hikmet, said "We have a centuries-old impetus... We will emerge victorious even if our sacrifices are great." Yes however great are sacrifices, this rotten world "this pirate ship, will sink - come hell or high water, it will sink. And we will build a world as hopeful, free"



HUNGARIAN WORKERS' PARTY

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Dear Comrades!

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On behalf of the Hungarian Workers' Party I express our sincere thanks to our Turkish comrades for organizing our meeting.

We deeply respect the clear ideological position of the CP of Turkey and their heroic fight against capitalism. Successes to our Turkish comrades!

First of all - some words about the crisis of capitalism and its consequences. In 2008, on the 10th International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties we declared: "The world is facing a grave economic and financial crisis of large proportions. A capitalist crisis, which cannot be dissociated from its own nature and from its unsolvable contradictions."

At the same meeting we called all the people "to take in their own hands the building of a future of prosperity, justice and peace for Humankind." What happened since that?

Comrades,

The last seven years – using the words of John Reed – "shook the world." Yes, indeed, the crisis shook the capitalist world but it did not break it. The crisis did not lead to any revolutionary situation. Regrettably, we could not win capitalism as yet, neither we can today or tomorrow, perhaps the day after tomorrow.

We can ask: why the crisis did not lead to revolution? Does capitalism has secret weapons? Or is it our fault?

Capitalism did invent a lot of new methods to handle the crisis. In Greece, where the Communist Party of Greece proposed a clear way "to overthrow capitalism and to construct a new socialist society", capitalists invented the Syriza. And they were able to manipulate the people.

In Ukraine, where there was a strong Communist party with great public support, the capitalists introduced nationalist-fascist dictatorship and expelled the communists from parliamentary fight.

But we should ask ourselves, too. Did we do everything to overcome capitalism? Did we use political power to transform a private ownership when some of us were near to power? Did we find a right correct relation between parliamentary work and class struggle on the streets? Did not we have too much illusions about cooperation with social democrats and other Bourgeois forces? Did we do our best

Comrades,

We should see the capability of capitalism to defend and save itself. But we should not overestimate it, The capitalist crisis is not over yet. The crisis continues.

The migration crisis is a clear sign of the crisis of capitalism generally and of the crisis of the EU. Capitalism created the crisis and now they want to use it to strengthen capitalism. Naturally, the migration crisis is also an attempt to distract the attention of people from the fight against capitalism.

The migration crisis will not blow up capitalism, but it deepens its crisis. The migration crisis shakes the legal system of the EU, the relationships among the members of the EU and the NATO.

The migration crisis means a great chance for us. We can use this chance not by demonstrating overall solidarity with the migrant people, but by attacking and undermining capitalism. We should unveil that capitalists are lying. Their policy led to the actual crisis and now they want the people to pay for the consequences. We should show to the people that European House is collapsing and we should find other ways to organize our life.

Comrades,

I can report to you that the Hungarian Workers' Party has become stronger since our last meeting. The capitalist crisis is changing the political behavior of the people. Not with revolutionary rapidness, slowly, step-by-step.

Those who rejected us for many years, now say: you are right, your cause is correct. Middle aged people began to come to the party. We are proud that 25% of our members joined the party in the last 10 years.

Our tactics are simple: we go to the streets, to the market-places, from door to door. We collect signatures. We use the Internet. We participate in all elections. We know that we cannot win. But we can show to the people that we are here, we are on their side.

We fight in order to solve everyday problems of the people: salary, job, healthcare, education. But we always underline that working people can expect a real change in their life only if we overthrow capitalism. We always show to the people a socialist perspective.

This policy threatens some people. Some others think that

we are right, but it is impossible to overthrow capitalism. We can lose votes during the elections with our clear class politics. It is true. But it is a tactical loss. If we do not show clearly socialism as the only alternative, we will also lose, but our loss will be strategic one.

We see in Hungary that social democracy is in deep crisis. They do not feel reality any more, their slogans are very far from the real problems of the working people. They have lost their positions in many places. People now look around and ask themselves: there are no social democrats, whom should we support? Many of them support the extreme right forces, first of all Jobbik.

What should be our policy? It is not enough to say that they are Fascists. This argument does not work now. We should explain to the people that there are many similarities but our parties differ radically. Jobbik says they are against capitalists. Good, we answer, if you are against capitalists, would you support our idea to introduce special 40 % tax for large properties? Naturally, they do not support because they are not really against capitalism.

Jobbik says we are against NATO and US hegemony. Good, do you want to leave the NATO? Not, you want only internal reform of the NATO, which is impossible. It means that you do support the NATO.

Comrades, we should take away working people from the extreme-right forces. I suppose it applies not only to Hungary. I propose to dedicate some special forum to discuss why working people listen to the extreme right and what can we do against it?

And, finally, comrades.

We came to Istanbul to strengthen the communist and workers' movement. Working people in Hungary expect from us not loud declarations, not beautiful papers, but a clear and strong message: we, the communist and workers' parties of the world are here. We are with you.

We know there are great differences. We also do not agree with a lot of parties. But we consider that these differences reflect the general condition of the workers' movement. Working people come slowly to the conviction that socialism is the only right alternative. But the majority will realize it. The morning star of the revolution has not appeared yet in the sky. But it will appear. And we continue fighting for it, we hope that we will do it all together.



TUDEH PARTY OF IRAN

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Dear Comrades

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The Tudeh Party of Iran would like to take this opportunity to thank the fraternal Communist Party, Turkey, for hosting and facilitating the 17th International Meeting of the Communist and Workers Parties. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all fraternal parties for extending internationalist solidarity with the people of Iran in their complex struggle for peace, democracy and social justice.

The 17th IMCWP is taking place in a very complex period of international relations and at a time of intense struggle for world peace and against capitalist barbarity. Nowhere are the catastrophic impacts of crisis more vividly demonstrated than by the ongoing wars, destabilisation and coercion of nations to submit to imperialist hegemony in the Middle East.

Dear Comrades

We are approaching the start of 2016 and the economies of the major capitalist countries have not yet recovered from the 2008 financial crisis and are perhaps even worse off. The global capitalist economic powerhouses, including Japan, are finding it very difficult to achieve stable growth. This is broadly due to the continued financialisation of the global capitalist system and its inability to eradicate the destabilising impacts of monopoly finance capital. The European Union as the world's largest capitalist economic block remains locked in a cycle of socio-economic crisis. The moderate economic growth in the US and the UK remains weak and fragile.

In reaction to the current global situation and the rise of popular discontent in every corner of the world, the imperialist powers in the advanced capitalist countries are aggressively intensifying their efforts to recover economic ground and consolidate their economic advantage across the globe, by any means possible, including regional conflicts and armed adventures. The imposition of hegemonic domination through manipulation of local reactionary forces has been another feature of the foreign policy pursued by the US and its strategic allies in various regions of the world, from the Middle East to North Africa and Eastern Europe.

We have witnessed the eastward expansion of NATO via Ukraine. Ultra-right and fascist forces were utilized in Ukraine as provocateurs under the guise of "supporters of democracy" and similarly, various brands of Islamists forces have been used in the Middle East in line with US strategic policies. Since the 1980s, reactionary strands of

65 "Political Islam" have been effective instruments for crushing left forces and have served as a populist ideology. In this region, reactionary Islamic forces continue to provide the pretext for the US and NATO's direct or indirect interventions.

A key factor to consider in analyzing such global and regional developments is that at present the US has significant problems in effectively allocating its resources globally. Thus it faces a unique challenge in its attempts to consolidate its global hegemony. However, it is important to bear in mind that despite Obama's somewhat softer foreign policy approach in contrast to that of the Neo-conservatives, and in the light of the objective economic realities, the rational elements within the US political-military-business establishment have had to consider a new approach to preserve US global hegemony. Although certain ultra-right wing elements of the Republican Party are opposing the US foreign policy-shift, so far they have failed to change its course.

Since 1997 an influential document published by the neo-conservative think tank, the "Project for the New American Century" (PNAC) has been the blueprint for all US administrations, including the administration of Barak Obama. PNAC's main tenet is: "to promote American global leadership", in other words to perpetuate US global hegemony as the 'single' world superpower. This raises the following key question with respect to the US policy shift: Where, what and whom are the existential threats to the US economic and military vital interests? Here, the significant diplomatic and military policy shift by the US in the Middle East is notable. Also we note that while the US seems to be reducing its military presence in the Middle East, it has been militarising the Far East region and simultaneously encouraging Japan to form an offensive army.

From the US perspective, China is clearly the major "risk" for the US objective of being the 'single' global superpower. Regionally, China is considered as an existential strategic threat to the interests of the US and Japan. China is highly dependent on external energy resources and the Middle East is a strategic energy source for China and a number of other potential economic competitors of the US. Therefore, maintaining direct control over the Middle East's flow of oil and gas is a vital geopolitical component of the US global hegemony.

It has become clear that having a massive military presence and running operations for 'regime change' in the Middle East is not paying the viable dividend and has become untenable for the US. It is now an established reality that the actions of the US administration and its EU allies in

Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria have directly contributed to the mushrooming of the Islamist "Jihadist" forces across the region. It is this realisation that in the last few years has convinced the US administration to adopt the present approach as regards bringing Iran's ruling theocratic regime into the fold.

We believe that, in spite of massive global 'Islamophobic' propaganda and the real or perceived threat of 'Islamic Terrorism', US strategists are unlikely to see "Political Islam" as a strategic threat to their long term goals in the region. In fact, all indications both historical and based on logical analysis from a Marxist socio-economic perspective will show a strong, intrinsic economic link and alignment between the objectives of imperialism and Political Islam".

Reduction of direct US military presence in the Middle East is accompanied by the reconfiguration of its policy toward "multi-lateral containment" encompassing the key players, namely the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI), Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Israel. The US policy shift in the Middle East simultaneously counters and supports the regional contradictions in relation to each key player. The US uses its power to exploit the internal tensions and contradictions amongst countries by means of the so-called "carrot and stick" approach in its diplomacy. This is already resulting in even sharper sectarian divisions and setbacks and is increasing the risk of military conflicts. One recent example is the crisis in Yemen, where the Saudi-led coalition has been bombarding that country for nearly eight months. Also, over the last 2 weeks, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar have formed a new proxy block against the intervention of Russia and the Islamic Republic of Iran in Syria. The leadership of Saudi Arabia and Turkey view the US rapprochement toward the IRI as a major challenge to their position as regional powers.

To understand the US's new approach towards Iran's ruling theocratic regime we must go back to 2010 when the IRI started secret talks with the US in reaction to the aggravated consequences of the US financial sanctions on Iran. By imposing intensive sanctions against Iran's economy, the US Treasury Department successfully managed to reduce Iran's oil exports by 50% and paralysed the country's economy. By taking Iran's national economy hostage, the US Treasury has given Barak Obama a significant and vital bargaining power in negotiations with Iran.

One year before the administration of President Hassan Rouhani took office, top officials from the US and direct representatives of the Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei were holding regular meetings in Oman. These strictly confidential meetings and negotiations were going on while

Ahmadinejad's government was adopting a bogus anti-US position and the regime was expanding its non-economical uranium enrichment operations as part of a false show of strength.

It is important to note that from 3 years ago, the unique feature of the negotiations between the US and Iran has been that the IRI has had to compromise from a desperately weak bargaining position. The top level and highly confidential meetings between the US and the IRI delegates have been covering a wide spectrum of issues beyond Iran's nuclear program. The main objective of the IRI negotiators has been to alleviate the serious threat of the US financial sanctions in order to ensure the perpetuation of the rule of the theocratic regime. The US has fully taken advantage of its strong bargaining position by forcing the IRI to subscribe to the US plan for the New Middle East.

This is a major strategic victory for the US as it now holds an ongoing powerful leverage against our country. Effectively, the theocratic regime in Iran has been brought under the 'carrot and stick' arrangement and the US has maintained the Islamic Republic of Iran in its "multi-lateral containment".

The agreed terms of the '5+1 Nuclear Deal' are designed in such a way that it allows the US to easily resurrect the full strength of its devastating sanctions, therefore allowing it to exert covert and overt critical pressure on our country. Also the easing of existing sanctions, especially those imposed by the US, will be gradual and conditional, and will undoubtedly have many political-economic strings attached. Through its global financial power the US has been able to force other countries and companies to maintain or revive the sanctions on Iran. For example, not long ago major French Bank, BNP Paribas, was fined \$8.9 billion by the US for sanction violation.

From the IRI's perspective, while this regime has been overwhelmingly constrained by the US's superior economic and diplomatic power, nevertheless it has now gained sufficient ground to continue its rule by suppressing internal opposition. The regime has found an opportunity to strengthen its grip on power as well as playing a 'constructive' role within the US's plan for the New Middle East.

The initially uneasy coexistence of the IRI and US regional hegemony is sweetened by the promises and plans for helping to reconstruct Iran's devastated economy through fully integrating our country into the circuits of the global capitalism. It is important to note that Iran's economy is structurally mostly a mono-product import-oriented economy heavily dependent on oil and gas revenue, with a large

and influential financial and rentier sector.

Over the past decade our Party has been very critical of the destructive and adventurist policies of the Iranian regime which has resulted in economic hardship and the threat of war and external intervention. The Tudeh Party of Iran, together with the people of Iran, welcomes those elements of the '5+1 Nuclear Deal' (or the Joint Plan of Action) that will lift the threat of war and conflict and will lead to the eventual easing of the crippling economic sanctions- the burden of which is overwhelmingly on the shoulders of the ordinary and working people of Iran. We also welcome the fact that the ruling regime has been forced to abandon certain elements of its dangerous adventurist foreign policies that reached its pinnacle under the Ahmadinejad presidency and created a dangerous political situation in our nation. It is now very clear that the discredited and damaging foreign policies of the IRI, together with the phony slogans and empty "anti-American" rhetoric of the Ahmadinejad's era cannot be and should not be mistaken for progressive and anti-imperialist policies.

Dear Comrades,

Overall, the Iranian people can hardly rejoice at the prospect of the perpetuation of the ruling theocratic dictatorship whose position is now being reinforced by participation in the US's plan for the New Middle East. Regardless of the promises of post-agreement economic recovery, our people will be facing neoliberal reforms with harsher consequences, and will have to suffer further from the continuance of the brutal oppression of trade unionists and the violation of human rights. As part of the coexistence agreement reached between Iran's ruling theocracy and the US, Iran is required to contribute toward the debilitated global economy by offering a new pool of cheap and flexible labour, and a large import-oriented and rentier economy controlled by the very cooperative financial and mercantile capitalist strata impatient to make quick profits.

Dear Comrades,

The US and its strategic allies are the ultimate winners at the expense of the Iranian people, and in fact to the detriment of the people in the region. The highly powerful mercantile and financial bourgeoisie who are politically represented by the President Rouhani government, along with the transnational corporations and financiers, are the other winners of the latest development in Iran.

Dear Comrades,

More than 3 decades after the destruction of a magnificent

67 popular and anti-imperialist revolution (1979), our country is facing serious social, economic and political crises. Our political economy is dreadfully unjust with a massive gap between the super rich (the top 1%) and the rest of the nation.

Tragically, once again in Iran's recent history, the bolstering up of the country's ruling dictatorship is being linked to the hegemonic interests of the US. In other words, Iran's version of "Political Islam" has been a key facilitator in providing an opportunity for imperialism, and first and foremost the US, to achieve the stated goal of PNAC: "to promote American global leadership" as far as Middle East is concerned. What is in effect taking shape is the metamorphosis of the theocratic regime in Iran into a more sophisticated version of political forces ruling today's Turkey.

Dear Comrades,

Finally, it is very clear that our region is going through a very testing period in its long history and intensified and coordinated struggle of progressives to combat these threats are required. We must therefore mobilise and double our efforts to prevent the regional proxy wars that are waged by imperialism and reactionary forces alike.

The Tudeh Party of Iran along with the other progressive forces in the country is fighting a hard and arduous struggle against a brutal theocratic dictatorship and imperialism. The people of Iran and their progressive forces need the international support and solidarity of progressive forces across the globe in their fight for democracy, sovereignty, and social justice. And regionally, we must join forces to eradicate reactionary forces and put a halt to the foreign interference that has made life miserable for millions of people.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF KAZAKHSTAN

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Выступление первого секретаря запрещенной Компартии Казахстана на 17-ой конференции компартий в Стамбуле

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29 октября - 1 ноября в Стамбуле прошла 17-ая по счету конференция Коммунистических и Рабочих партий, в которой принял участие и выступил первый секретарь ЦК запрещенной Коммунистической партии Казахстана Толеубек Махыжанов. В рамках мероприятия у него состоялись встречи с представителями разных партий, где обсуждались вопросы солидарности и дальнейшего взаимодействия. Мы приводим в публикации текст его выступления.

Дорогие товарищи!

Позвольте от имени коммунистов Казахстана выразить слова благодарности товарищам из Коммунистической партии Турции за приглашение на сегодняшний международный форум коммунистических и рабочих партии и пожелать ему плодотворной работы, направленной на объединение всех здравомыслящих сил в защиту мира, на установление торжества идеи справедливости, мира, равенства и дружбы между народами.

Сегодняшний форум еще раз убедительно доказывает несостоятельность антикоммунистической истерии буржуазных властей капиталистического мира, которые после предательского удара, направленного на уничтожение СССР, кричали на весь свет о том, что идея коммунизма изжила себя, что под их руководством наступит эра «всеобщего благоденствия», что народы всего мира будут жить в мире и согласии.

Но при этом они забыли признать тот факт, что Советский Союз был тем светлым маячком, осветившим путь прямой дороги к обетованной земле, где царствовали справедливость, равенство и братство между людьми различных национальностей и народностей, где человек труда был настоящим хозяином своего дела.

Спустя четверть века от несбыточной мечты либералов не осталось и следа.

Ибо капитализм не был бы капитализмом, если бы из-за своей алчности не эксплуатировал народы мира ради своей меркантильной выгоды путем завоевания чужих территорий и вывоза богатств, принадлежавшим другим народам.

Еще в 1895 году английский миллионер Сесил Родс

писал:
« Я был вчера в лондонском Ист-Энде (рабочий квартал) и посетил одно собрание безработных. Когда я услышал там дикие речи, которые были сплошным криком: хлеба, хлеба! Я, идя, домой и, размышляя об увиденном, убедился более чем прежде, в важности империализма. Моя заветная идея есть решение социального вопроса, именно: чтобы спасти сорок миллионов жителей Соединенного Королевства от убийственной гражданской войны, мы, колониальные политики, должны завладеть новыми землями для помещения избытка населения, для приобретения новых областей для сбыта товаров, производимых на фабриках и в рудниках.

Империя, я всегда говорил это, есть вопрос желудка. Если вы не хотите гражданской войны, вы должны стать империалистами».

В 21-м веке мы стали свидетелями того, как страны, называвшие себя «оплотом» демократии, во главе США распространяют свою паршивую и мнимую демократию, используя солдатские штыки и методы «точечных» бомбовых ударов, убивая сотнями тысяч ни в чем не повинных детей и стариков, развязали братоубийственную войну между народами Сирии, Ливии, Ирака и Украины.

Не зря И.В.Сталин говорил: «Империализм есть самая наглая эксплуатация и самое бесчеловечное угнетение сотен миллионов населения обширнейших колоний и зависимых стран. Выжимание сверхприбыли — такова цель этой эксплуатации и этого угнетения. Империализм не может жить без насилий и грабежей, без крови и выстрелов. На то он и империализм».

Товарищи!

С момента возникновения идей социализма и коммунизма, антикоммунистическая истерия буржуазных властей ни на йоту не прекращалась, она продолжается, и по сей день.

При этом методы борьбы с коммунизмом различны: от прямого террора по отношению к коммунистам при помощи бандитских элементов, как это было в 30-х годах прошлого столетия в Америке и фашистских головорезов в Германии и Италии, и до «цивилизованного» метода расправы с помощью судов и правоохранительных систем.

И Казахстан, провозгласившим себя демократическим и правовым государством, ни на шаг не отстает

от «цивилизованного» капиталистического мира, используя при этом испытанные на протяжении долгого времени все методы и способы борьбы с коммунизмом, его идеями и истинными коммунистами.

Как и многие наши товарищи из других стран, мы тоже испытали все «прелести» буржуазного права и буржуазной демократии: от покушения на жизни наших товарищей до «цивилизованного метода» расправы при помощи судов и правоохранительных органов.

Коммунистическая партия Казахстана – единственная партия, деятельность которой за годы независимости нашей страны приостанавливалась четырежды: 1991, 1996, 2011 и 2014 гг., в связи с чем, партия вынуждена была пройти процедуру трехкратной перерегистрации в органах юстиции.

И наконец, в 2014 году, власти при помощи предателей, добровольно - принудительно написавших заявления в министерство юстиции с требованием проверить партию на соответствие ее численности к требованиям Закона РК «О политических партиях» и определить легитимность партии и запретить ее деятельность.

При этом все заявления одинакового содержания, написанные одним лицом без соблюдения формы, утвержденной Законом РК «Об обращении физических и юридических лиц». По закону такие заявления считаются – анонимными.

Эти, так называемые «коммунисты», подлили масло в огонь, и пожар антикоммунизма разгорелся с такой силой, что власти забыли о том, что надо соблюдать законность, конституционные и законные права членов партии.

На основании анонимного заявления Министр Юстиции РК 8 октября 2014 года издает Приказ «О внеплановой проверке деятельности Коммунистической партии Казахстана», тем самым орган государственной власти, призванный четко соблюдать законность, сам же нарушает статьи 5 и 16 Закона РК «О государственном надзоре и контроле».

П.п.2, п. 7, ст.16 Закона РК от 6 января 2011 года за №377 –IV «О государственном надзоре и контроле» гласит: «Основанием внеплановой проверки проверяемых субъектов являются: получение информации и обращений от физических и юридических лиц, государственных органов, депутатов Парламента РК и местных представительных органов о причинении либо об угрозе причинения существенного вреда жизни,

здоровью человека, окружающей среде и законным интересам физических и юридических лиц, государства», - конец цитаты.

Мы, члены Коммунистической партии Казахстана не угрожали никому и даже не пытались, в том числе в отношении граждан и государства, так как проводили свою политическую деятельность строго в рамках законов и Конституции Республики Казахстан.

В связи с тем, что МЮ РК начало проверку деятельности нашей партии незаконно, нами были поданы иски в суды для отмены незаконно изданного приказа министра юстиции РК, но суды отказались рассматривать их.

Позакону, после проведенной, хоть и незаконной проверки, представители МЮ РК должны были предоставить нам, руководителям партии свои претензии и предоставить срок для исправления недостатков, якобы выявленных в ходе проверки деятельности партии.

Но вместе этого через два месяца МЮ РК обращается в суд с иском о приостановлении деятельности Коммунистической партии Казахстана.

25 декабря 2014 года судья Специализированного межрайонного экономического суда города Алматы, нарушая основополагающие принципы правосудия, закрепленные статьей 77 Конституции РК, без участия представителей партии в судебном заседании, принимает решение «О приостановлении деятельности Коммунистической партии Казахстана сроком на три месяца».

Пока мы обжаловали незаконное решение суда первой инстанции, МЮ РК 30 июля 2015 года в тот же суд подается исковое заявление с требованием «О ликвидации Коммунистической партии Казахстана».

3 августа 2015 года судья Специализированного межрайонного экономического суда города Алматы, вновь нарушая основополагающие принципы правосудия, принял решение «О ликвидации Коммунистической партии Казахстана».

Мы прошли процедуру обжалования в апелляционном суде, который оставил в силе решение суда первой инстанции.

Эти незаконные решения судов еще раз доказывают правоту одного мыслителя, который говорил: «Юриспруденция – это продажная девка политики».

Самое интересное и парадоксальное в том, что когда мы обратились в МЮ РК и Генеральную прокуратуру РК с заявлением о проверке деятельности пропрезидентской партии, то они в один голос ответили, что по конституции и законам страны данные государственные органы не имеют права вмешиваться в деятельность политических партий.

В соответствии с п. 3, статьей 14 Закона РК «О политических партиях», партия ликвидируется:

- 1). По решению ее высшего органа.
- 2). По предложению не менее 51% ее членов, представляющих не менее половины регионов.
- 3). По решению суда.

П. 4, ст. 14. По решению суда партия ликвидируется:

1. Если она систематически осуществляет деятельность, противоречащую ее Уставу.
2. Если она двукратно отказалась от участия в выборах Мажилиса Парламента РК. (В истории нашей партии был однократный отказ от участия в выборах депутатов Мажилиса Парламента РК в 2007 году).
3. Если она не устранила в срок, установленные судом, нарушения, послужившие основанием для приостановления деятельности партии. (Как мы знаем, что срок, установленный судом, закончился 25 мая 2015 года и суд, принявший решения о приостановлении деятельности Коммунистической партии Казахстана не принимал решения о ликвидации ее 26 мая 2015 года, как это положено по закону!)
4. Если она грубо нарушает Закон РК «О политических партиях».
5. Если она осуществляет деятельность, запрещенная законодательными актами РК, неоднократно (не менее двух раз) или грубым нарушением законодательства РК.
6. При признании недействительной государственной регистрации политической партии при установлении недостоверности сведений, содержащихся в документах, предоставленных для государственной регистрации.
7. Финансирование иностранными юридическими лицами и гражданами, иностранными государствами и организациями.

Все вышеперечисленные мною факты говорят о том, что власти преследуют Коммунистическую партию Казахстана по политическим мотивам, что недопустимо в правовом и демократическом государстве, каким провозгласил себя Казахстан.

Мы, коммунисты Казахстана намерены дальше бороться за восстановление чести и достоинства нашей партии, вплоть до ООН и надеемся, что коммунисты других стран

71 поддержат нас в нелегкой борьбе за восстановление деятельности Коммунистической партии Казахстана – истинной и, к сожалению, единственной политической силой, ликвидированной незаконно, защитницей трудового народа.

Спасибо за внимание!



COMMUNIST PARTY OF KURDISTAN IRAQ

الرفيقات والرفاق الاعزاء ممثلو الاحزاب المشاركة في الاجتماع

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يشرفني ان اقدم الى الرفاق في الحزب الشيوعي التركي وإلى كافة الاحزاب المشاركة في هذا الاجتماع العالمي المهم، تحيات قيادة الحزب الشيوعي الكوردستاني - العراق وتمنياتهم بنجاح هذا اللقاء المهم الذي يجري في ظل تطورات كبيرة ووتناقضات معقدة في مختلف بلدان العالم، وبالأخص في منطقة الشرق الأوسط، والذي يتطلب كما اشرفنا في لقاءات عالمية وعلى صعيد اجتماعات الاحزاب اليسارية والعمالية والشيوعية الى أهمية النضال في منطقة الشرق الاوسط من أجل "العمل لتكوين اوسع تحالف بين القوى الديمقراطية المدنية العلمانية التقدمية في المنطقة لمواجهة الارهاب وسياسات التبعية للقوى المتنفذة في الرأسمالية المعاصرة". اضافة الى أهمية النضال على الصعيد الدولي من أجل عالم يسوده السلام والامن والاستقرار كمستلزمات اساسية لتحقيق التنمية البشرية المستدامة على صعيد كل بلد، والتعاون الوثيق على الصعيد الدولي من أجل تحقيق التنمية المستدامة على الصعيد الدولي بشكل عام وعلى اساس هذا التوجه ندعو كافة الاحزاب المشاركة في الاجتماع الى التأكيد على العمل من أجل تحقيق الاهداف التالية التي تعتبر مقدمات أساسية لتحقيق مفهوم العدالة الاجتماعية على كل بلد وعلى الصعيد العالمي:

1- التوجه لاقامة تحالفات موسعة داخل كل بلد من اجل تقليل النفقات العسكرية وتحقيق الدورة الاقتصادية السلمية والضغط لقيام الحكومات بمسؤولياتها تجاه شعوبها في مسائل مواجهة الفقر والبطالة والنقص في التعليم و من أجل توفير التامين الصحي ومستلزمات الحياة الكريمة للفرد وتوفير شبكة فعالة للتأمينات الاجتماعية وضمان المساواة الجنسانية وحقوق النساء، ومكافحة الفساد من خلال توفير مستلزمات الحوكمة

2- الاشارة في البلاغ الصادر عن هذا الاجتماع الى دعوة كافة الحكومات الاوربية للقيام بواجباتها الانسانية تجاه أزمة اللاجئين من خلال ضمان حياتهم وتوفير الملاذ الامن لهم وفتح ابواب اللجوء امامهم، والتعاون من اجل ايقاف النزيف الحاصل في الارواح نتيجة غرق اللاجئين واستغلال شبكات المافيا العابرة للحدود لمآسي اللاجئين

3- العمل من أجل التزام الحكومات بمعايير الحفاظ على البيئة في كل بلد والسعي لابرار اتفاقية عالمية جديدة للحفاظ على البيئة بعد فشل اتفاقية كوبنهاغن الاخيرة

4- العمل من أجل بناء شرق اوسط جديد بعيدا عن المفهوم الامريكي، يتم التركيز فيه على الاختيار الحر لشعوب المنطقة و ارادتها المستقلة بما يضمن تعايش شعوب المنطقة والسلام والتنمية

5- النضال من أجل اطفاء بؤر التوتر في العالم من خلال حل المشاكل بالطرق السلمية وعلى اساس سلام عادل مبني على التكافؤ، والتوازن في المصالح وفي هذا المجال نؤكد على أهمية التعاون الدولي في مكافحة الارهاب ومن اجل حل القضية الفلسطينية واعادة السلام والديمقراطية والامن الى سوريا وتطبيع الوضع في اوكرانيا

6- العمل من أجل بناء تحالف واسع للقوى المدنية العلمانية الديمقراطية وبالاخص القوى اليسارية في المنطقة عموما، من أجل مواجهة الارهاب ومخططات الرأسمالية المعاصرة في ظل العولمة، وتحقيق مستلزمات التطور الحر والمستقل لشعوب المنطقة

7- التأكيد على حل القضية الكوردستانية في كل اجزاء كوردستان حلا ديمقراطيا سلميا عادلا مبني على الارادة الحرة لشعب كوردستان مع التأكيد على حق تقرير المصير للشعب الكوردستاني في كوردستان - العراق وضمان مستلزماته وتأتي في مقدمتها

8- يدعو حزبنا الشيوعي الكردستاني كافة الاحزاب المشاركة في الاجتماع الى اصدار بيان أو توصية يدعو الى ايقاف العمليات العسكرية في كردستان - تركيا، وايقاف انتهاك سيادة أراضي كردستان العراق ووقف القصف الجوي للقرى الامنة في كردستان العراق. ويدعو حزبنا الحكومة التركية وكافة الاطراف الكردستانية التركية الى العودة الى المسيرة السلمية من خلال التاكيد على الحوار وتوفير اجواء الحرية والديمقراطية. ووقف التجاوزات بمختلف اشكالها.

9- يتضامن حزبنا الشيوعي الكردستاني مع المظاهرات التي اندلعت خلال الاشهر الماضية في بغداد وبقية المدن العراقية، ويدعو الى تشديد كافة اشكال النضال الديمقراطي المدني السلمى للقوى الديمقراطية والمدنية العراقية من أجل اعادة بنية الدولة العراقية على اساس ديمقراطية مدنية وفق الارادة الحرة لمكوناتها.

الرفيقات والرفاق الاعزاء

اننا في الحزب الشيوعي الكردستاني نناضل من اجل بناء دولة القانون والمؤسسات في اقليم كردستان العراق عبر اقرار دستور ديمقراطي مدني علماني يضمن الحريات والحقوق لكافة المكونات الكردستانية على أساس المواطنة، و نتطلع من المشاركين في الاجتماع التضامن مع نضال شعبنا في كردستان العراق ومع بيشمركة كردستان في مواجهة ارباب دولة الخلافة الاسلامية (داعش)، والتضامن مع شعبنا من أجل حق تقرير مصيره، كما نتطلع الى التضامن مع نضال الشعب الكردستاني في كافة أجزاء كردستان من أجل حقوقه المشروعة ومن أجل الديمقراطية والتقدم والسلام في المنطقة.

عاش نضال الشعوب من أجل التنمية والتقدم وتحقيق خياراتها الوطنية المستقلة.

عاش التضامن الأممي

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LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY

MARIE NASSIF DEBS

Dear Comrades

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In the beginning allow me on behalf of the Lebanese Communist Party (LCP) to thank the comrades of "The Communist Party, Turkey" for organizing the 17th IMCWP in a very critical situation that the world, in general, and the Middle East in specific, is passing through.

Our region is almost living a third world war, initiated by US imperialism and its allies in the region against our peoples seeking for the liberation of our countries from dependency, underdevelopment and poverty, and aspiring for the emancipation from the reactionary regimes and dictatorships which were created by imperialism, along with the Israeli entity, in order to dominate our region which has very strategic importance, geographically, politically and economically, because this region contains the world's largest "black gold", its transportation and distribution points pass through it too.

That is why imperialism, US in specific, decided to use all its weapons to prevent the liberation of our peoples and getting back their wealth to use it for development. That is why the direct military interference took place in Libya, Syria and before and after them in Iraq. Also that is why there was imperialist encouragement for the reactionary Arab political systems to interfere in Bahrain and Yemen.

But the most dangerous are two issues:

The first issue is the contribution of the imperialist forces to the creation and the development of many terrorist groups; those forces which pretend, now, that they are fighting terrorism by what is named "the International Coalition". These groups, which benefited from the financial support provided by some monarchies and emirates of the Arabian Gulf beside the Turkey system, which the imperialist countries have facilitated for them to bring people, technology and developed weapons, to destroy our countries: killing the children and the elderly people, smashing, destroying homes and towns, dominating the oil fields, in some regions in Iraq and Syria, to sell it to the petroleum multinational companies and benefit from its price in order to promote what these terroristic groups called "their country" which was set up by the displacement of millions of citizens who have been added to other millions of people who have migrated because of the battles. Among them there are more than two millions Syrian refugees, additional 100 thousands Palestinians and 100 thousands Iraqi refugees living now in Lebanon, which is already in crisis because of the continuous Israeli threats and violations, as well as of its openness to the crises in the region, namely the Syrian

76 crisis. This crisis which both parts of the “political class” in Lebanon (March 8th and March 14th) participate in it led “ISIS”, “Al Nosra” and other organizations to spread more in Lebanon. This crisis that enforced us to form groups to protect the villages and towns to resist their threats hold as we did before to resist the Israeli aggressions and occupation.

The second issue: the Israeli entity tries to impose a project under the title of “Judaism the State” (make Palestine a pure Jewish state) on the land of whole Palestine, benefiting from the open wars in the Arab region. Killing, enforcing the Palestinians to leave their homes (1948 lands included), building more settlements, refusing “the right to return” according to UN resolution 194, being fully supported by Washington and part of EU all of these actions help it to impose its Project. These anti-human crimes committed by this racist entity exploded, today, new Intifada (new uprising) on the whole land of Palestine. States and organizations started to talk about the rights of the Israeli entity in self – defense to face the Intifada but when the Palestinians try to protect themselves from the Israeli racist crimes and occupation the whole world goes against them.

Dear Comrades,

We, as communist and workers’ parties, are called to have the correct and the courageous position to face from what is going on in this part of the world. The struggle against imperialism and fascism, struggle for liberation which the international working class is fighting, starts from understanding of what is going on in our region and dealing with “The New Middle East” project, on the bases of it is the starting point to get out of the crisis that hits the capitalist centers, to divide again the world, its markets and the authority regions. Capitalism till now can not find the suitable exist for its crisis that is facing since 2008.

Starting from this point and to prevent radical change in the international power balance, including the end of mono polar system which emerged as a result of USSR deconstruction, we see that imperialism, the American one in specific and the EU, is not satisfied with letting the international working class holds the burdens of this crisis and the results of its economic and political policy, putting its hand on the semi collapsed states, but also imperialism is goes to excess in using military force to face the change attempts by building more military bases coalitions, moving the navy in world’s seas and oceans. Also we can see imperialism launches provocative wars, mainly in the region up to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and organizing coup d’état with the support of religious political parties and terroristic ones, without forgetting the conspiracies against the peo-

ple of Latin America and Africa.

In addition to that the capitalist powers confrontations, with escalated aggressiveness, that are taking place among these powers themselves. By this we mean the confrontations among imperialism – the American one in specific – and their competitors the other capitalist countries which are trying to get into and reserve a place for themselves in a multi-polar world. They are determined confrontations the states of Asia, Latin America and Africa will be their battle fields. Also the energy and natural sources, markets world saves and brains will be struggling issues in it.

What is our role as communist parties in facing this new attack?

The globalized crisis and its results that the capitalist system is living now put us in the front rows of confrontation on the national and international levels. We see that the slogan of getting over capitalism became a must, and this imposes on us and the anti capitalism forces the struggle to build socialist system, which starts from the specifications of the materialistic development of every country, that is why, it is not necessary to be one system or one type.

This requires, from us, enrolment in the political and ideological struggle, even the practical one, to uncover the attempts of capitalism in deforming the human awareness, and to face terrorism and its causes, also to face neo – fascism and anti-communism campaigns.

That is why our party (LCP) suggests that the communist and workers’ parties have to start thing about producing new internationalism to face the globalized capitalism. This requires, from all of us, looking for forming effective left political frames, on regional and international levels, with activating the role of the working class and its trade unions. It also requires developing “IMCWP”, enlarging it and rooting it to form hard core in the confrontations which became determined.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALTA

VICTOR DEGIOVANNI

Comrade Chairperson,

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First I would like to thank the Communist Party of Turkey for inviting the CP of Malta to participate in this forum and to offer them solidarity in this moment of their struggles against reactionary forces here in Turkey. Communist and Workers Parties have the responsibility for organising its cadres into a force that will be militant and active on the shop floor and in the trade unions to direct the workers in class struggles against the onslaught waged by the bourgeoisie in an effort to put the clock back and take away the gains made by workers through hard struggles, during the last 100 years or so.

Setbacks that are being perpetrated result directly from the failure of the capitalist system to provide adequately for full employment, and to stave off poverty. Jobs, that are being offered to today offer no security, as definite short contracts, low wages, and bad conditions of work, in short precarious employment. Precariousness which is resulting from neo-liberal policies is a problem that has to be tackled before we can continue on our revolutionary path.

Communist and workers parties where it is possible should form their own trade unions some parties already do so, to mention one example, PAME which is the leading force in the struggle against austerity that is being imposed by the troika on Greece

The struggle against austerity being imposed by the troika comprising of the European Commission, the European Central Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, on European Countries must be in the forefront of all other struggles for parties that are European Union member countries. Also of primary importance for these parties is the struggle against the imposition of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) which again is threatening workers' rights and livelihood. In an effort to globalise the world, and also to impose its' imperialistic diktat, on small countries. the US has committed countless aggressions. These aggressions were mostly committed with the aid of its' NATO allies to halt progress peoples' progress towards social emancipation. Since the Second World War the US had interfered in countless countries in many parts of the world. The US through its covert agencies had been behind many reactionary coups. To mention a few examples, the one against the Mohammad Mosaddegh government in Iran back in 1953 and against Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973 and more recently in Ukraine.

Whenever subversion failed to obtain the desired results the US used its military might was used, as what has hap-

79 pened in former Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and now by covert means once again is trying to bring a regime change in Syria which has so far resisted all attempts that US has tried through its Islamic State henchmen which up to now have failed to achieve their goals.

Means of improving the ways of making the workers fully conscious of the perils that imperialism is putting on world peace are a must, otherwise another global conflagration is on the US agenda.

Social democratic parties must be exposed for what they are. They do not really have the worker's interest at heart and always deceive them to accept the bourgeoisie impositions. A recent example is how SYRIZA has betrayed the workers in Greece. The path of struggle is long and tortuous and no short cuts are possible. Workers must be shown that it would be in their interest to direct their struggle towards the achievement of a classless society, that this is only possible through Socialism and this cannot be done through the polling booths in a system manipulated by the bourgeoisie. They first must see through the bourgeoisie propaganda which does its utmost to confound them then the polling booths can give them a triumph over the capitalist system as the way is then clear for the transformation of Society.

Militancy by the working classes of every country should be synchronised and translated into one struggle in order to defeat Capitalism as a system. The bourgeoisie are once again resorting to fascism as they had done in the 1930s in order to defeat the wave of progressive ideas that are resulting from capitalism's inability to offer viable solutions against the problems that are affecting the working classes around the world today.

Long live Socialism.

Long Live Marxism Leninism.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORWAY

SVEND HAAKON JACOBSEN

Comrades, Many thanks to Communist Party of Turkey for hosting this 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties here in famous ancient city of Istanbul Turkey. We stand together in our common fight against social democratic opportunism, imperialism, capitalist barbarism, fascism and war, for national sovereignty, working class and people` power, social justice and socialism!

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In the time of international capitalist over-accumulation crises the US Federal Reserve continuously expand huge loans to the "US companies too big to go broke", printing dollars to finance it, and keeps the interest rate from zero to negative, to hinder the bond and share markets from collapsing. With this policy, the value of dollar will fall. The over accumulation crises are deeply felt in EU, there are no signs of growth in production.

USA still has the strongest military capacity, and is the leading imperialist state in NATO, the strongest international military alliance in the world.

In the over accumulation crises imperialism is aggressive, waging wars to control energy resources and transport routes in The Middle East in cooperation with Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and supporting and using jihadists for their purpose.

Turkey has been supporting the Sunni ISIS, let them operate free in Turkey, and pass into Syria. US and NATO forces are aiming at splitting and weakening the Iraqi Federation, and bring down the Assad government in Syria and Hezbollah and the progressive forces of Lebanon, and weakening Palestine.

Russia` military strengthening of Assad and bombing of ISIS and Al Nusra jihadists is elements to weaken NATO, US and EU imperialism in the region.

US, EU and NATO imperialism has been organizing and financing the fascist coup de tat in Ukraine. The Kiev coup regime has illegalized Ukraine CP in the elections at the same time they are waging war on the Russian speaking population in the eastern part of the country. NATO is building a specially trained aggressive NATO Rapid reaction force in Latvia, is training Georgian soldiers and is searching to surround Russia with hostile western imperialist bases. In Asia the US is building up new marine and personnel bases on the northern coast of Australia, and a marine base on the island in South Korea with the false excuse of protecting South Korea from aggression from DPRK, who always have been working for a peaceful Federal reunion of Korea, against the US imperialist aggression plans in the region.

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CPN salute the victories of Cuba against the US isolation policies in Latin-America, and fully support Cuba, the Bolivarian republic of Venezuela and all progressive forces and governments and new progressive institutions like CELAC. We support the fight against the illegal blockade of Cuba, and the imperialist undermining of the Venezuelan government and all progressive forces and governments in the region.

Due to a relatively large state and community sector in the economy, and large industries serving the oil-industry, the capitalist crises did not hit Norway so hard up till now. Today the international crises combined with increase in the US and Canadian oil slate and sand production led to a fall in the oil prices. Today thousands of workers are laid off in the oil and oil-service industries in Norway. The official unemployment rate is now 4,5 % and increasing. But if you add up the unemployed workers that live on small state allowances, which are really poor, the real unemployment is closer to 15% in rich Norway, where the few rich are getting richer, and the numbers of the poor are increasing, and they are getting poorer.

There is a large hidden unemployment in rich Norway.

Norway has had a relatively strong trade union movement, but only a few % of the foreign workers are members, and most foreign workers are working on tariffs much lower than the agreed national tariffs. Social dumping is hard to control and hard to fight, due to the EU-neoliberal policy directives, which the former "red-green" Social democrat Government, and the present Rightwing and Xenophobic party Government accept, which therefore automatically are turned into Norwegian laws under the EEA-agreement regime.

Comrades, We live in the imperialist epoch of transition from capitalism to socialism, and we should examine in a very concrete fashion which strategy corresponds to our era. The objective conditions require a strategy and tactics

that aim at the solution of the main contradiction between capital and labor, at the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism, and socialist construction.

CPN support KKE in their difficult important fight for the only pro-people way out of the crises; unilateral cancellation of the debt, Greece's disengagement from the EU and NATO, socialization of the means of production with workers'-people's power.

The EEA-agreement of Norway to EU is leading to privatization; social-dumping, undermining the trade union national tariffs, and is weakening the trade union and working class power. Even if 70 % of the people are against the EU membership in Norway, many do not understand the dangerous consequences of the EEA-agreement. CPN is organized in the "No to EU" movement, which is working to achieve a referendum for the people to vote no to the EEA, claiming the Government to leave the EEA-agreement, exchanging it with renegotiated trade agreements.

To be able to develop a movement strong enough to force a referendum for the people to vote on the EEA-agreement, it is necessary to create a united revolutionary class fight platform in the lower echelons of the trade unions, which can develop its strength independently from the central structures of the trade unions, and from the influence of the Social democratic opportunist parties.

Communist Party of Norway will propagate and work for this. It is a prerogative to develop the class conscience to make the working class the leading force in this fight.

The anti-imperialist people movement of small fishermen, farmers etc. depends on the working class power in the fight for Norway's disengagement from the EEA-agreement. Communist Party of Norway sees the fight for Norway to leave the EEA-agreement the most important political fight in Norway today, to develop the subjective factor, the class conscience of the workers.

Developing revolutionary social alliances and class conscience is basic in the fight for socialism-communism in Norway.



PALESTINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

SAMER ABUZAROUR

Dear Comrades, Bolshevik Revolutionary Greetings.

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The Palestinian Communist Party thanks the Turkish Communist Party for their kind invitation to attend this important and well organized meeting, and we value their efforts in organizing this activities wishing the Turkish Communist Party progress and victory in their struggle for building Scientific Socialism in Turkey.

Since the Petty Bourgeois overturn and attack on the gains of the Working Class in 1953 after assassinating the great Bolshevik leader STALIN which resulted in the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the Eastern Block, and the shift of these States to Market Economy controlled by different Bourgeois Centers, many Communist Parties abandon Marxist-Leninist ideology and some of them joined the so called European Communism, and some escaped from their mother party to form a secondary leftist Party competing with the Bourgeois parties in Struggling for what so called Social Democracy ,freedom, and social justice. These are much less what the Communist Leninist Parties struggle for, Communist Parties are Struggling for the interest of the Working Class, and against the domination of Capital and Finance Capital which is controlled by the Petty Bourgeois.

These renegade parties deformed Marxism-Leninism as planned by imperialist states where 14 of them gathered their arm forces to destroy the first Socialist State (The Soviet Union) from the beginning.

The task of the Communist and Worker Parties nowadays must be directed against the Petty Bourgeois and her Finance Capital. This requires the unification of Communist Leninist Party's effort to confront this cancer who changed the productive labor to a labor producing consumer services which has no value but to support the Capital, and does not reproduce capital through Surplus Value.

The societies of the capitalist states consume too many times more than it produces which ,in turn, reduces the number of the working class in the bourgeois state which produced the commodities and export the surplus to the third world countries.

The capital nowadays expands by steeling from the peripheral countries the natural resources and in many cases ignite wars and tension among peripheral countries in order to dominate over the raw material and energy resources. And the bourgeois compete among themselves to dominate over these resources which results in friction and wars, and create an oppressive class in most of these states and create an atmosphere of hatred and fascism parties as existed

85 in Moldavia and Ukraine. The bourgeoisie initiated its wars against states, and confiscated the benefits of the working class such as health insurance, education, social security and old age benefits and other benefits gained by the working class through their long struggle against Capital domination. Capital was coerced to submit these service to the working class to compete with the great Socialist State founded by Lenin and build by great Stalin.

The task of Communist and Workers Parties is to emancipate the working class and the oppressed peoples from the domination of capital and unify their efforts to form a Communist International the main tool to liberate the Working Class and the oppressed people.

Since a long time, the Palestinian Communist Party called upon all Communist Leninist Parties to form Communist International and unify their efforts to establish Studies Center specialize in Marxism – Leninism ideology in order to propagate this ideology among the working classes. Unfortunately some Parties did not share us our opinion which we consider it necessary to defy the revisionist .

The passing through to Communism can only be achieved through the Struggle of the Communist Parties (Marxist-Leninist) against revisionism and opportunism practiced by some parties, and seriously educate the working classes with Marxist-Leninist ideology to be their compass toward Socialism.

We, in the Palestinian Communist Party faces the persecution of the fascist Israeli regime and also the Palestinian Authority because we are the main defender of the Palestinian Working class.

The Palestinian Authority who embraced some factions of the Palestinian people financed by the authority and/or NGOS goes hand in hand with the Palestinian bourgeois class to distort the Palestinian economy and make our economy subservient to the Israeli economy ignore the need of our labor for work which produces abundant of surplus labor serving the Israeli industries.

The Palestinian labor working in Palestine or in Israel work with out insurance such as health, social security, retirement ..etc.

Also the Palestinian authority encourage the production of services because its profit much higher for them and bourgeois making the Palestinian economy subservient to the Israeli economy because of the agreements signed with the Israelis.

Dear Comrades,

In this important International meeting, we must inform you about the suffering of our people from the occupation. Our people facing persecution and Zionist racism. The Zionist state keeps destroying the houses of the Palestinian in the West Bank and Jerusalem. 17000 houses were demolished in the past three years for no reason. The purpose of the Zionists is to migrate the Palestinian from their father's land and homes and the domination over the natural resources in the country. At the same time the number of the settlers increases with out precedence, and the fascist settler increased their attacks and aggression against our people the last of which is burning the Dawabshi family alive, mother, father and two babies.

The daily fierce attacks on the Citizens practicing their religion in the Holly AQSA Mosque continue by the fascist settlers.

We, also, can not forget Gaza who lives in a state of siege since 9 years ago. Israel waged during this period three fascist savage wars, the last of which 2014 war where 2500 civilians were murdered in cold blood, and destroying more than 3000 houses, health centers and schools.

The Palestinian Communist Party sees that the policies of the continuous and fascist settler state (Israel) oppression policies in the West Bank, and Gaza made the TWO STATE SOLUTION ambiguous and useless which makes our Party rethinking other alternatives as, one Democratic non-Sectarian State serve the interest of all people living in this state.

The class solution for the Palestinian problem is to give all the people living in the state all their rights, equal rights as a first step to build Socialist Society against bourgeoisie class, since the bourgeois in our area (Israeli or Palestinian) has the same economic and political interest.

At last, we thank the comrades of the Turkish Communist Party once again for their successful effort in organizing this meeting.

Long Live Communism

Long Live International Proletariat

PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY

PEDRO GUERREIRO

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The Portuguese Communist Party salutes the Parties present at the 17th. International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties and, particularly, the Communist Party (Turkey) which hosts the Meeting, reaffirming our commitment to contribute to the strengthening of our cooperation and international solidarity.

On this occasion, the PCP expresses its solidarity with the communists, the workers and the Turkish people and their struggle against oppression and exploitation and for freedom, democracy, for their rights, for justice and social progress.

And also expresses its solidarity with the peoples of the Middle East and, particularly, with the Palestinian people and their struggle for the right to a homeland, independent, sovereign and viable, and with the Syrian people and their struggle for peace, sovereignty and independence of their country.

We are participating in this Meeting with the conviction that it will bring a useful exchange of views and a contribution to the common or convergent action among our parties.

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In PCP's view, continue to be present and mark the development of the current international situation four fundamental lines and trends which, incidentally, are sharpening: the deepening of capitalism's structural crisis; a immense process of realignment of forces, where the relative decline of the US (and of the G7 powers) and the economic rise of China (and the dynamics of the BRICS group) are protruding elements; the continuation of the resistance and struggle of the workers and the peoples in defence of their rights and sovereignty; and imperialism's brutal exploitative, oppressive and aggressive offensive, through which it seeks to counter the above mentioned trends.

An international situation which is characterized by great instability and uncertainty, and where unexpected and fast developments are possible.

Against the background of capitalism's structural crisis it should be stressed that, in addition to the fact that the vast and prolonged cyclical crisis that erupted in 2008 in the US has not been overcome – and whose shock waves continue to propagate and to have multifaceted expressions –, remain and deepen the factors that, if they continue to grow, will hatch new episodes of crisis that will have multiple and significant repercussions.

88 The economic situation, especially in the major capitalist powers, remains characterized by feeble growth, stagnation and the threat of recession, in the context of a violent offensive that intensifies exploitation, attacks labour and social rights, promotes unemployment and precariousness, privatises public services and social functions of the state, increases social inequalities, worsens the plunder of resources and fosters a growing concentration and centralisation of capital.

An offensive that continues to be accompanied by a limitation of freedoms and democracy, attack on national sovereignty and independence, an action of whitewashing fascism and of anti-communism and which represents a regression of civilizational dimension.

Although, in the context of inter-imperialist, concertation-rivalry class concertation continues to dominate, against the workers and against the people – which include, for example, the so-called TPP and TTIP – with the deepening of the crisis, the contradictions among the great imperialist powers will tend to sharpen.

At the same time, significant developments have taken place in the broad process of rearrangement of forces that occurs on a worldwide scale, whose sense of evolution needs to be monitored. A process which, although complex and contradictory, in PCP's view, continues to establish itself as a factor of curbing the establishment of the «new world order» hegemonized by US imperialism and which can open positive prospects regarding the evolution of the correlation of forces worldwide.

A process which has formed and consolidated alliances and areas of cooperation and multilateral integration, with the inherent contradictions of the different economic and political realities of the countries that are part of it. In this context, ALBA represents a qualitative leap in cooperation, on an anti-imperialist, sovereign, solidary, socially oriented and equitable basis, with repercussions in the American continent and at the international level.

As a “way out” for the deep crisis that capitalism faces, to cope with the process of realignment of forces and contain the resulting resistance and struggle of the workers and peoples, imperialism's most reactionary and aggressive circles bet, in an increasingly disturbing way, on the threat of fascism and war.

Resorting to campaigns of misinformation and extreme manipulating excuses, defying the UN Charter and international law, imperialism, under the leadership of US imperialism, reinforces its political and military alliances – with

emphasis on NATO, which is currently carrying out one of its biggest military manoeuvres in Portugal, Spain and Italy – fosters militarism, multiplies outbreaks of tension and destabilization, increases interference, promotes and exploits xenophobic and fascist groups and their terrorist action, waging a permanent state of war against all those who resist or are considered an obstacle to the imposition of its world supremacy.

Represent expressions of bellicist escalation of imperialism, the aggression against Syria and the colonisation of Palestine by Israel; the fascistic drift in Ukraine and the US, NATO and EU militarism, aimed at the Russian Federation; the operations of destabilization and re-colonisation in Africa; the militarisation of Asia and the Pacific by the US and Japan, where China is considered the “strategic adversary”; or the blockade against Cuba and the destabilisation of Venezuela and other countries in Latin America.

70 years after the victory over Nazi-fascism, imperialism's aggressive escalation poses a serious threat to peace, with the possibility of outbreak of severe conflicts and the danger of a new war of catastrophic dimensions – although, that does not mean that such war is inevitable.

We consider it is particularly important to build the convergence of communists and other forces of social progress and national liberation around the fight against fascism, militarism and war, raising a broad anti-imperialist front, reinforcing the peace movement and solidarity with the people, against NATO, for disarmament, freedom, independence and national sovereignty, democracy.

In PCP's view, it is by broadening and not narrowing the social and political base of the peace movement that we strengthen the struggle for deep social changes and for socialism.

In a context that is still of resistance and gathering of forces at the world level, the resistance and the struggle of the workers, peoples and states in defence of their rights and sovereignty, is a reality that has to be valorised and welcomed.

Resistance and struggle which – under very different, complex and difficult conditions and setting different immediate objectives – has imposed major setbacks on imperialism and achieved advances that have to be defended and consolidated. We emphasise the situation in Latin America and the Caribbean, where processes of sovereign, progressive and revolutionary affirmation resist imperialism's offensive and represent an important stimulus to the struggle of workers and peoples.

Although great dangers loom in the current international situation, facts also confirm the existence of great potential for the development of the struggle towards social and national emancipation.

The struggle of the workers and peoples can hold back imperialism's most reactionary and aggressive sectors, impose setbacks on them, defeat the offensive of exploitation and national oppression and attain important achievements and progressive and revolutionary transformations.

II

There still persists a deep crisis of the European Union, and in particular, of the euro zone, where increasingly the process of European capitalist integration reveals serious difficulties and contradictions and the tendency to address it with an ever greater centralisation of the economic and the political power, with the strengthening of its neoliberal, federalist and militaristic pillars.

In PCP's analysis, the developments in the European Union – where the process regarding Greece is particularly enlightening – clearly show that the guidelines and limits imposed by the European Union and the euro are unacceptable constraints for the development of policies in favour of the legitimate interests and aspirations of the peoples, respecting their will and sovereignty.

A situation which not only proves the clear class option of the European Union and of its policies based on economic and social regression and the imposition of relations that have a neo-colonial nature, with the patent limitation to face these policies without affirming coherently the right of every people to a sovereign choice of development.

A situation that proves not the inevitability of a posture of submission to the impositions and blackmail by the European Union, but the need for resistance, confrontation and rupture with the instruments of supranational political and economic domination of European capitalist integration.

A situation that highlights the importance of the national question and its interconnection with the class question, confirming the importance of the national mark as a decisive field of struggle and of the exercise and affirmation of national sovereignty as a condition for the defence and conquest of rights and the advancement of transforming processes.

Having the euro as one of its most important instruments of political and economic domination, the European Union

does not hesitate in trampling on the fundamental values that it hypocritically proclaims – like democracy and solidarity – to enforce the policies of exploitation of workers and favouring of big business.

It should be noted that the brutal confrontation of the democratic choices of the peoples from the European Union does not result from «drifting away from the founding values» to which one would have to return or «imperfections» in the integration process and delays in the imperative federalist enhancement, but rather the result of building a supranational system of power at the service of big business and the major powers.

A supranational power that the communists and other progressive forces must face – without leaving room for the growth of reactionary nationalism and xenophobic, racist and fascist forces – to ensure the right of the peoples to decide their own way.

The PCP considers that the European Union is not reformable, every new step in the process of European capitalist integration represented and will continue to represent increased attacks on the rights of the workers and on the sovereignty of peoples.

In Portugal, the PCP continues to firmly combat EU policies that threaten social and labour rights, the development of the country, democracy and national sovereignty and which contribute to the deepening of social regression and economic decline.

The PCP considers that a policy truly committed to the values of justice and social progress, development, democracy and sovereignty and national independence, demands the release of Portugal from the constraints and instruments of domination of the European Union, the euro, the Budgetary Treaty, economic governance, common policies.

The evolution of the situation in the European Union proves the need and urgency of the renegotiation of the Portuguese debt regarding its terms, amounts and interest and the study and preparation to release the country from submission to the euro – so as to resist the processes of blackmail and to ensure its monetary, fiscal and economic sovereignty.

In Portugal, will be through a patriotic and left-wing policy that will be possible to ensure development and economic and social progress and break away from the path of decline and national abdication. It is this path of sovereign assertion, based on the will and participation of the Portuguese people, that the PCP is determined to follow.

The PCP, relying on the Portuguese people and other peoples of Europe, has the deep conviction that it will be possible to build a Europe of cooperation among sovereign states with equal rights, of progress and peace, a Europe that meets the interests and aspirations of the workers and peoples.

III

As a result of a policy subordinated to the interests of monopoly capital and European capitalist integration, the situation in Portugal is characterized by economic decline, social regression, foreign dependency and the impoverishment of the democratic regime – a right-wing policy carried out over the past decades by PS, PSD and CDS governments, in constant confrontation with the Portuguese Constitution.

In this context, the PCP struggles for a rupture with the right-wing policy and the construction of a patriotic and left-wing political alternative, based on economic growth and employment, valorisation of the workers and their incomes, the restoration to the country of its resources and strategic sectors, in defence of public services and social functions of the state and the affirmation of Portugal's right to a sovereign development.

Recent developments in the political situation in Portugal are marked by the results of the legislative elections held on October 4, which gave rise to a new political framework, still under uncertain development and outcome.

We underline two facts in these elections, the continuation of the electoral advance of the Broad Democratic Coalition Unit (CDU) – electoral coalition formed by the PCP and the Ecologist Party "The Greens" (PEV) – and the defeat of the PSD/CDS coalition, which loses its absolute majority in Parliament.

This result has created a new situation that enables to cut short the destructive action of PSD/CDS and a basis for a different governing solution to meet the most pressing concerns and needs of the workers, the people and the country.

This is why we admit, despite deep differences, discussing with the PS the possibilities that open the way to this solution. This is the moment we are in.

Affirming its political and ideological independence, persisting in the struggle for a patriotic and left-wing alternative, which breaks with the right-wing policy, and for

its programme of an Advanced Democracy, the PCP will contribute towards all measures which are useful for the workers, the people and the country and oppose all that means more exploitation, impoverishment, social injustice and national decline.

It is in this framework, demonstrating the essential role of the PCP in the fight for an alternative to right-wing policies, that anti-communist and anti-democratic attacks increase and brandish an economic and financial catastrophe resulting from the punishment by the so-called «markets» and what are called foreign «institutions».

While others claim to see in the coherent intervention of the PCP – to find solutions that prevent the continuation of the PSD/CDS government and its policy – the abandonment of its electoral programme and even its class nature and revolutionary identity.

To those who, both from the point of view of the right – with fascist twitches – or from the «left» – rhetorical and pseudo-revolutionary – fire at the PCP all kinds of nonsense, we affirm that history, PCP's revolutionary coherence, the recognized respect by the Portuguese communists to honour their word speak by themselves.

It should be noted that the electoral defeat of the PSD/CDS and the possibilities opened by the new arrangement of political-party framework have a decisive stamp, not only of the great political mass campaign the CDU made, but above all the persistent struggle that the workers and the Portuguese people fought over the last few years and which had the decisive role of the broad united trade union movement, of CGTP-IN – the great trade union central of the Portuguese workers.

The development of the struggle for concrete and immediate demands of the workers, the struggle of other sectors and anti-monopolist social strata for their rights, interests and aspirations, form the basis for the development of the mass struggle and for the convergence around the objective to defeat the right-wing policy and the implementation of a patriotic and left-wing policy – a policy that defies the interests and power of the big monopolies and imperialism.

Along with a diverse intervention and a prompt political initiative, the necessary development of the mass struggle, as well as the preparations for the presidential elections – in which it participates with its own candidate, intervening to uphold the democratic regime enshrined in the Portuguese Constitution and for Portugal of the values of the April Revolution – the PCP has as essential aim its organic reinforcement.

These are demanding tasks that the current situation poses to the Portuguese communists. Fulfilling its internationalist role in the struggle of the workers and peoples, the PCP reaffirms its nature and communist identity in the struggle for the materialisation of a patriotic and left-wing policy, breaking with the right-wing policy, for an advanced democracy, that promotes the April Values in the future of Portugal, an integral part of building a new society, free from exploitation and oppression – socialism and communism.

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The historical experience of the communist movement demonstrates that the struggle for socialism is a complex, irregular and uneven process, with stages and intermediate phases and holding unforeseen and unexpected turnabouts.

The communists face particularly demanding and complex tasks and cannot count on easy solutions and have to be prepared for all situations.

We live in times that call for much ideological firmness, much revolutionary disposition, many organizational skills and the existence of strong, determined and firm communist Parties.

The CPP considers that, under a wide variety of situations in each country (national particularities, stages of revolution, immediate tasks, etc.), the central task is the strengthening of the communist parties with their rooting in the working class and in the national reality of their countries and the strengthening of their internationalist cooperation.

The seriousness of the international situation in the present moment, the challenges, the threats, the potential it brings, require a great effort from the international communist movement to live up to its responsibilities to meet the problems, needs and aspirations of the workers and peoples.

However, in PCP's view, continue to be of concern conceptions and practices that do not contribute to the strengthening and unity of the communist movement – including the unity in action of the communists and theirs with other progressive and anti-imperialist forces against the common enemy – and bring difficulties to the frank and fraternal examination of common problems and to their reciprocal cooperation and solidarity.

The diversity of situations in each country determines the objectives and also diversified immediate tasks. Various

analyses also exist on important issues of theory, history and the strategy of the international communist movement. But this should not be an obstacle to cooperation. On our part, without ignoring the importance of such differences and even disagreements, we believe that we should cherish what unites us and promote common or convergent action on issues of common interest

Acting in accordance with the principles of proletarian internationalism and mutual relationship, the PCP reaffirms its commitment to find solutions that will enable overcoming difficulties and contribute to the strengthening of the international communist and revolutionary movement and its internationalist cooperation and solidarity.

In this context, the PCP valorises the process of the International Meetings of Communist and Workers' Parties, bearing in mind in its intervention the lines of common or convergent action adopted at the 16th. IMCWP held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, examples of which are: the celebration of the 70th. anniversary of the Victory over Nazi-fascism; the condemnation of NATO and denouncement of its aggressive nature and, namely, their military manoeuvres in Portugal, Spain and Italy; solidarity with the Communist parties victims of anticommunist repression, as in Ukraine; solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people, the PCP having joined the delegation of Communist parties that, in the framework of IMCWP, went to Palestine and Israel; the struggle for liberation of the five Cuban patriots and for the end of the US blockade of Cuba; and solidarity with the peoples victims of imperialist interference and aggression.

In the current international context, the PCP reaffirms the particular importance of developing the cooperation of the Communist parties with other democratic, progressive and anti-imperialist forces, asserting their own goals, without diluting their identity, but contributing to the exchange of experience, for unity in action around concrete objectives and for the broadening and increased expression of the anti-imperialist front.

To this effect, and at European level, the PCP reiterates the need to develop cooperation among the communist parties and theirs with other progressive forces, respecting differences of situation, reflection and proposal, helping to put in the forefront the common or convergent action around the issues most felt by the workers and the people and the struggle against the European Union and for another European of cooperation, progress and peace.

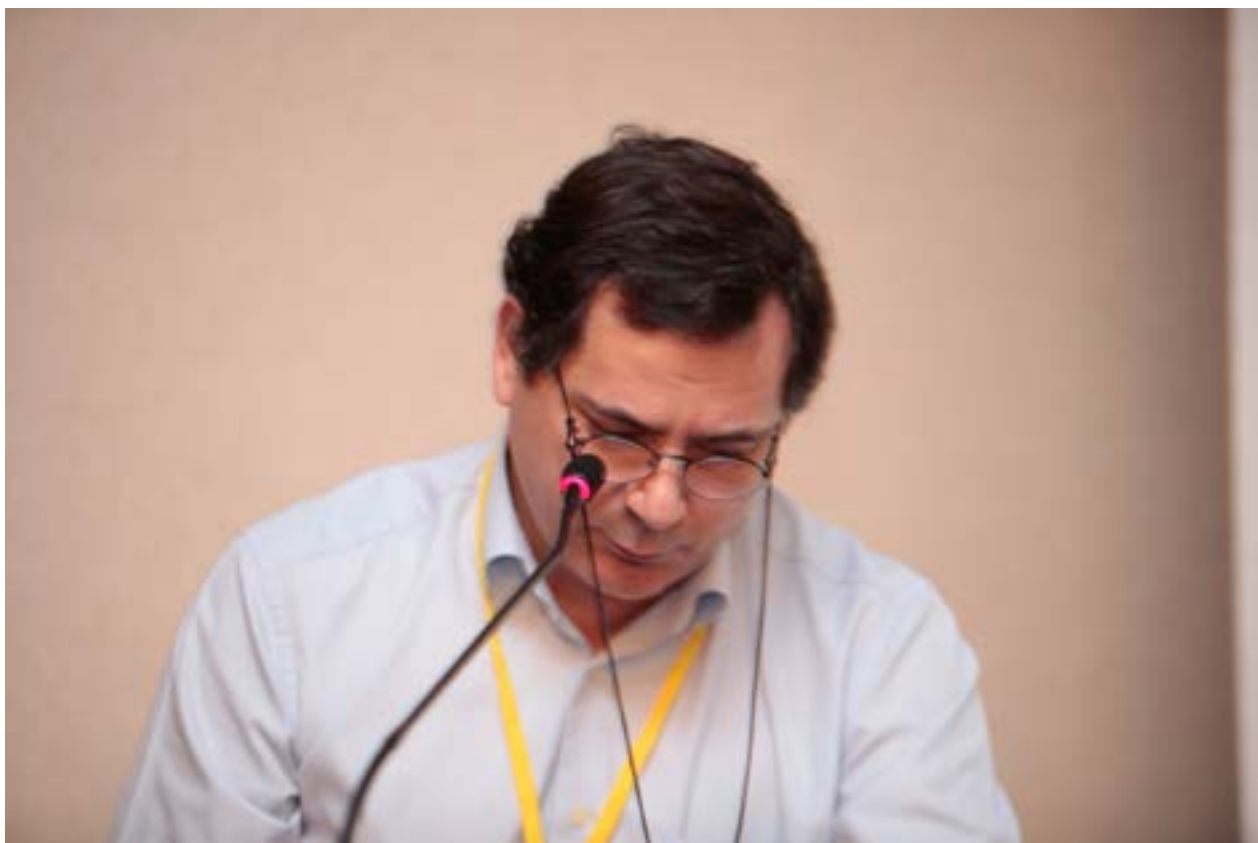
Hence, the PCP is part of the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE / NGL) in the Euro-

92 pean Parliament, respecting its confederal nature, its own identity – an alternative to social democracy and the right – and its independence in relation to other areas of cooperation or structures – such as the Party of the European Left.

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As we know, the dangers arising from the sharpening of capitalism's contradictions should not be underestimated, but we are confident that, through the development of the mass struggle and solidary action of the communists and other progressive forces and peace lovers around the world, it is possible to ward off such dangers and advance in the ways of social transformation and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

Given the exploitative, oppressive, aggressive and predatory nature of capitalism, the PCP considers that is increasingly clear the timeliness and importance of the communist ideal and project, the need for a new society, of socialism and communism – by different paths and stages. This is the great prospect faced by the workers and peoples from around the world.



RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS' PARTY

VICTOR TYULKIN

Let's retain the revolutionary spirit of Marxism!

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Report of the 1-st Secretary of RCWP CC Viktor Tyulkin at the XVII International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in Istanbul: "The tasks of Communist and Workers' Parties to strengthen the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and fascism, for workers' and peoples' emancipation, for socialism", 30.10-01.11.2015.

Dear comrades,

First of all we'd like to thank our Turkish comrades for the organization of this meeting, the work that was carried out under the very difficult political circumstances in Turkey.

We've started to meet this way long ago (we have the 17th meeting now). When this process was started many of us thought about creation of a new Comintern, nevertheless we should frankly admit that we've not advanced a lot in this direction. The confusion and vacillation in communist and left workers' movement have been too great after the disintegration of USSR, whereas the opportunistic right bias is too strong and has been still gaining its strength.

We believe that our meetings are important. Here different opinions and parties meet, various views can be expressed and this is undoubtedly useful. First of all we exchange our views on theoretical issues as well as present our analysis of the situation in the world and share the experience of our own struggle.

As it is known, practice is the criterion of truth. Based on this Marxist principle we continue our analysis of the international situation that we started at the previous meeting in Ecuador.

1. The defeat of Socialism in USSR and in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe has had a negative effect on the situation worldwide. First, in the absence of the socialist countries' example Capital started its all-out offensive against the rights of working people. Second, the world Imperialism, first of all its task force as represented by the imperialists of USA and NATO countries has started to act even more dissolutely, aggressively, without taking into consideration the norms of international law. The massacres of Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Libya and nowadays – of Syria, the threats towards DPRK and Iran, instigating and maintaining the bloody conflict in Ukraine are all the examples of the above. In the words of Lenin "in front of us there is a completely naked Imperialism, that doesn't find it necessary to even cover itself with anything while believ-

2. Our analysis at the previous meetings demonstrated that neither the essence of Imperialism nor the essence of financial capital have changed. Modern imperialism could be quite precisely described by Lenin's theory of Imperialism that was based on the law of unequal development of capitalist countries, i.e. that the handful of the wealthiest countries, of the biggest imperialist predators rob the rest of the world. Their habit of going over from bourgeois Democracy to the open dictatorship of Financial Capital, i.e. to fascist dictatorship is still there, this transition used under certain circumstances to ensure their interests.

3. We came to a conclusion that it's not possible to understand the essence of these events without taking into account the experience of our predecessors, first of all the one of Comintern. At that time Imperialism set up the Anti-Comintern Pact led by Nazi Germany. This is the Imperialism of USA and EU that lead anticommunist forces nowadays. Dialectical approach demonstrates that Comintern gave a correct definition of Fascism as that definition referred to Fascism in general, and not to a particular type of Fascism of that time. The manifestations of Fascism can change whereas its essence and consequently its definition remain true for today which allows us to correctly evaluate the latest political events.

"Fascism in power is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, the most chauvinistic, the most imperialistic elements of finance capitalism, a special form of class domination of bourgeoisie... Fascism is not the power that is above all the classes, it is not the power of petty bourgeoisie and lumpen-proletariat over financial capital. Fascism is the power of financial capital itself. This is the organization of terroristic massacre of working class and the revolutionary part of peasantry and intelligentsia. Fascism in international relations means chauvinism in its cruelest form practicing zoological hatred towards other nations".

Fascism is characterized by rejecting the democratic forms of bourgeois domination and coming over to open bourgeois terror. In modern world the majority of bourgeois states use various forms of bourgeois democracy within their states while abstaining from establishing a dictatorship in its open terroristic form. Another approach is used when their internal politics are transformed into international ones. We should recognize that exactly Financial Capital forms the core of imperialistic forces, whereas its relative influence is much higher than it was in the middle of XX Century. Fascism is just one of possible reactions of Imperialism aimed at rescuing the capitalist rule from the

dangers of socialist revolutions, especially in the periods of crises. That's why an open anticommunism and consistent anti-workers politics are essential features of Fascism. To achieve its aims Fascism extensively uses the instruments of sweeping and active social demagoguery. All these features can be obviously seen nowadays in the politics of Imperialism and time and again are carried out with the help of the modern Social Democracy

4. The analysis of the modern international processes demonstrates that we deal with a modern Fascism, a Fascism of the XXI Century, nevertheless it's still a Fascism and it is led by the Imperialism of USA and EU. The ideology of racism, the claims to be the God's chosen people that were characteristic of fascists in XX Century these days takes the form of ranking whole sovereign countries and peoples as underdeveloped, non-democratic, or even rouge countries. We've heard the Nobel Prize winner, USA President Barak Obama expressing his claims for the special role of American nation in the world. The functions of the Anti-Comintern Pact have been now performed by NATO and its henchmen.

Taking the above into consideration we should review the role of Russia in these processes. It's very important as a fit of false patriotism has seized many leftist and allegedly communist forces both in Russia and abroad which manifests itself in the claims that Russia plays a positive role, that she withstands the aggressiveness of American Imperialism and that she is almost a savior of the world from the unipolar dictate etc.

In this respect we state as follows: we believe that the modern Russian state is undoubtedly a state of Monopolistic Capitalism. Modern Russia is a young but voracious imperialistic predator, whereas its behavior is dominated first of all by economic interests of the Russian monopolies' owners and by ambitions to get political advantages. Nevertheless, as it was already the case in the struggle with Fascism, one can and should use the cracks in the imperialistic camp, the clashes of interests of the biggest imperialistic powers and alliances. Based on these assumptions we assess positively the help rendered by Russia to the legal government of Syria, we support the decision to incorporate Crimea into Russian Federation; we also support the struggle of the peoples of Donbas against the manifestation of Fascism by the nationalistic Ukrainian authorities. We stress that this Fascism is called Ukrainian only due to the location of its appearance, the list of its executors and the nationalistic Bandera style rhetoric, whereas in essence it was introduced from abroad by the imperialists of USA and EU and cultivated by them on the soil of Ukraine. We should mention that the resistance by the insurgents

in Donbas judging by its social composition and attitudes has undoubtedly a proletarian nature, the fact that even President Putin had to recognize when he said that the Ukrainian authorities had felt offended to be defeated by former miners and tractor-drivers. That's why we help the comrades in Donbas, first of all through the Communist workers' organization. In particular we organized a meeting of 15 parties on the borderline between Russia and the Republic of Lugansk. We demand that Russian authorities should intensify their assistance to the local people's militia that fights Fascism.

At the same time we always explain that the reasons for providing this assistance by Russian Federation are not based on common ideology as it was the case in the USSR, that RF is not USSR at all, and that she is not a successor of USSR either. As far as the working people there are concerned, this doesn't mean their liberation from the oppression of exploitation, but only a relief in their struggle with the most hideous procreation of Imperialism – i.e. with Fascism. We explain that Russian authorities constantly conduct both secret and overt bargaining with the biggest imperialists of USA and EU. The capitalist authorities of Russia are capable of betraying and selling out their allies at any moment, the process that by the looks of things we've been watching in Donbas. Here the authorities of the new people's republics (People's Republic of Donetsk and People's Republic of Lugansk) that are influenced by Kremlin, have already demonstrated their anticommunism. Similar to Ukrainian President Poroshenko they don't let communist organizations to take part in elections both in Donetsk and Lugansk. The most authoritative commanders of the people's militia with pro-communist views there are killed (like Mozgovoy and others). In accordance with the so-called agreements of Minsk in March next year there is envisaged the handing over the control over the borders of the people's republics with Russia to the Ukrainian authorities. The local elections in the people's republics have been postponed so as to coincide with the passing of control over the border (and are supposed to be carried out in accordance with the Ukrainian law – with the same ban on participation of communists?)

We'd like to stress once again that there should be no illusions in respect of imperialist character of Russian politics and the reasons of her behavior abroad. Nevertheless some of foreign comrades still have such illusions, and that is even sadder - such illusions could be found in Russia as well. Here we can see a sort of similarity with the initial stage of the transitional period from Capitalism to Socialism. We remember the well known definition of Marxism: Socialism is such a new society that just appeared in the world from the depths of Capitalism and that in all respects

still bears the imprint of the old society. We can state that Russian Capitalism in sense still bears some imprints of Socialism, though these are basically the external manifestations only. Russian authorities skillfully exploit and support this impression. Thus RF positions herself as a heiress of the victors over Fascism, as a defender of national-liberation movements and progressive forces all over the world, and as a successor of the pioneers of space research. The authorities even allowed a partial recognition of Stalin's glory in his role as the builder of state power and the Supreme Commander in Chief during the war.

The government of Russia has recently even suggested that the coming festival of the World Federation of Democratic Youth should be held either in Moscow or in Sochi and promised to provide all necessary support. There should be no doubt that such support will be indeed provided (in case a decision is taken to hold it in Russia). Still we should remember that this event will be used by the authorities as a sort of approval of the committed substitution of Socialism to Capitalism, i.e. the approval of counterrevolution, of the ongoing burial of the Great October's ideas carried out at the time of the Centenary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. There is something to reflect on.

Our party is an orthodox Marxist party and we stick to Marxism-Leninism. We believe that Opportunism and Revisionism that used to be an internal product of the communist movement - a number of biases and misconceptions, have now turned into a powerful weapon under control of Imperialism. The right bias was not finished with the end of Gorbachevshchina – i.e. with the destruction of USSR and CPSU in 1991.

We see our task as the task of preservation of Marxist-Leninist part of political theory and practice of Russia that nobody will be able to exterminate. A number of other organizations in Russia calling themselves communists have more or less accommodated themselves to the bourgeois system while taking part in allegedly oppositional parliamentary activities with the main focus on the elections and a presumable victory, somewhere in the future, this victory to be in the form of coming to power a government, that they call a "government of people's trust". Such variants that don't presume the changing of capitalist standing order have been analyzed many times by theoreticians and have been even recently attempted in practice by the Greek SERIZA (that was supported by a number of opportunists with communist names).

Our party's main focus of attention always was and is going to be the development of the workers' movement, the turning of Proletariat into a class for themselves, the intro-

96 duction of communist knowledge into workers' movement.
Our slogans read as follows:

«Let's not falter on our chosen way!»

«Workers of the World unite!»

«Long live Socialist Revolution!»



COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ANDREY KLYCHKOV

Dear comrades,

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First of all permit me to convey to you fraternal greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

We are grateful to the Communist party of Turkey for organizing the 17th Meeting and for inviting us to take part in it.

Comrades,

Only a year has passed since the previous meeting. And yet we see a totally different international situation before us. A totally different state of the capitalist world. Events are developing fast, influencing one another, giving space to a vast number of interpretations and reaching every country and every home.

However, one important and major conclusion can be drawn at once. All the long-term forecasts and predictions the CPRF has made in the twenty years since its recreation are coming true with a vengeance. They have all been based on class analysis. The class essence of the global and internal processes is manifesting itself ever more noticeably and dynamically.

We have named from the outset the central threat to the whole world: the planetary appetites of "the golden billion" will keep growing. At the stage of peaceful development of capitalism they were measured in figures. Thereafter they have been measured in blood. Imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, has provoked in various parts of the world internal conflicts using armed force, the technology of "colour" revolutions and fostering terrorists and neo-fascists. The trend has been gaining momentum faster than one could imagine. Today we are witnesses and contemporaries of geopolitical catastrophes on a historic scale.

The United States and its allies in Europe have practically destroyed the Middle East in its former shape. Entire states and peoples have been derailed. The terrorist army of the Islamic State, which has neither borders nor a government, is filling the free space, has got out of control of its Transatlantic masters and is throwing a bloody challenge to the whole mankind.

Hundred of thousands of migrants from North Africa and the Middle East are besieging the borders of European states. The leaders of the European Union, who have hanging round their necks serious economic problems and the problem of Greece which they have ruined, are making a show of humanism and flinging their doors open. They are

98 afraid to admit that along with the destitute people a socially active "migration maidan" is striving to get into the centre of Europe, a group which will finally undermine not only the traditional way of life, but the economy of the European Union. It will strike at the interests of the working people in these countries. Far from being resolved, the problems of poverty and inequality will multiply.

Still counting on the failed experiment of "multi-culturalism" the liberal elites of Europe are betraying the future of their peoples. Without international unity in class struggle prolonged coexistence of different ethnic communities will lead to ethnic clashes. It will dramatically strengthen the positions of radical nationalism in Europe.

In the meantime the project of collective Europe is falling apart under the onslaught of the problems created by American imperialism. The potential for conflict is growing. Britain threatens to withdraw from the European Union. The relations between Serbia and Croatia have reached a flash point and the Balkans may be engulfed in flames once again. Eastern Europe has come out against the EU plan of introducing migrant quotas.

The USA has dealt a double blow to its European allies by forcing them to minimize their trade and economic cooperation with Russia and letting the jinn of radical Islam out of the bottle. And now they are creating an economic belt declaring their goal publicly, cynically and arrogantly: they will not allow the rules of global economy and trade to be written by anyone but themselves.

All these processes are being initiated and are going on against the background of the continuing neo-Nazi witches' Sabbath in Ukraine, the US plans to place nuclear weapons in Germany and active preparation of new "colour" crises in Armenia and Azerbaijan. For the first time since the end of the Second World War the Japanese military has been given leave by parliament to take part in combat action to defend "friendly countries" even if Japan itself is not attacked. The question of stripping Russia of its right of veto at the Security Council or dumping that unique mechanism altogether is being raised openly, aggressively and at the high level.

All this seems to be inconceivable. It is inconceivable for non-class analysis when one can talk about the "sunset of Europe", the "ambitions" of the USA, religious fanatics and about the problems of terrorism in the 21st century. From the class point of view we witness the sunset of capitalism with the bloody dawn of new threats aimed at striking at all the actively developing countries, all the alternative power centres, any other development models that compete with

the "the golden billion" for a decent quality of life.

In this context the key task of the communist and workers' movement is to create a broad front against imperialism, against the spread of fascism and international terrorism. We hope that at this Meeting we will make another step towards fulfilling that important task by proposing a plan of joint actions for the future.

Comrades,

This year we marked the 70th anniversary of our common great victory over Fascism. Unfortunately, the events of recent years show that the world has not become more secure. Wars, generated by Fascism and Nazism, are raging in various regions, and every attempt is being made to distort the history of the Second World War and rehabilitate Fascism. The call, "People, be vigilant" is becoming relevant again.

The CPRF in our country has carried out a series of events devoted to that momentous date. Above all it was the Meeting of international democratic organizations created after the Victory over Fascism and whose activities over the past seven decades have greatly contributed to preserving world peace, the achievement of independence by many countries, to social and political progress. They are the World Peace Council, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Women's International Democratic Federation, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the International Federation of Resistance Fighters – Association of Anti-Fascists. The Appeal adopted by the participants in the Meeting calls for joint actions of all the progressive forces of the world against the resurgence and spread of Fascism.

Our representatives have also taken part in similar events organized by the communists of the Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland. We are pleased to note that many communist and workers' parties on all continents have organised their events, issued statements and appeals not to allow a repeat of humankind's tragedy of the 20 century.

Comrades,

At our meeting today we are discussing the tasks of our parties in strengthening the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and Fascism, and for Socialism. Capitalism with its ruthless exploitation of cheap labour of workers is wittingly or unwittingly contributing to the development of class consciousness. Our task is to introduce this consciousness into the minds of workers and support any attempts of the workers to fight

for their rights, for improving their social position, against the arbitrariness and depredations of the exploiters.

Present-day Russia is not an exception in the capitalist world. The Communists are aware that the lack of class maturity of the Russian proletariat is a temporary phenomenon. It is all the more important to conduct this work persistently and painstakingly in the workers' milieu.

Our country is not only the target, but also a hostage of the transnational capitalist system. Russia today is experiencing pressure from outside, it is surrounded by hot spots and is hamstrung by Western sanctions. The Trojan horse of the "golden billion" resides first and foremost in the oligarchic comprador policy geared to the external market.

The CPRF today is opposing the authorities which pursue such a course, the sway of the oligarchs who are protecting the interests of Big Business, corrupt officials, the authorities which despise the interests of their people.

Against all the odds, the CPRF has proved its ability to broaden its nationwide support.

This is borne out by the results of the recent regional elections and elections of the governors of some regions. Most notably, the victory in the election of the governor of the Irkutsk region. Our candidate, Member of the Presidium of the CC CPRF, Sergey Levchenko, became the governor of a very important region which is in the top third of the Russian regions in terms of population and gross regional product. Fourteen of our candidates were runners-up in these elections and five came third.

This is a very valuable result considering the difficult conditions in which we are working, the situation of political diktat, information terror, endless provocations against the party and the atmosphere of anti-Communism and anti-Sovietism.

Painstaking and persistent work lies ahead for our party. We understand that only the Communist Party represents the most impressive world-view doctrine. Long after Marx, Engels and Lenin the great scientist Albert Einstein in a 1949 article "Why Socialism?" declared that the only way to get rid of the terrible evils of capitalism is to create a socialist economy. At this critical moment we must be the centre of consolidation of all sober-thinking people, above all working people.

Not so long ago the CC CPRF held a plenary meeting on the

position of the working class of Russia and the tasks of increasing influence in the proletarian milieu. The solution of these tasks coupled with active work will make possible important steps on the way towards political victory and will be the best gift for the jubilee that we all hold sacred: the 100th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

Thank you.



PARTY OF COMMUNISTS IN SERBIA

DEJAN JOVANOVIĆ

DEAR COMRADES

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I have the great honour and pleasure that on behalf of the Party of Communists of Serbia greet all present representatives of communist and workers' parties and to wish you much success in your work. I take this opportunity to thank the organizers of this conference Communist Party of Turkey for the warm welcome and hospitality. I also want them to achieve better results in the upcoming elections and much success in the class struggle. This is particularly important because, after the tragic events in Ankara caused by the action of extremists in the name of unscrupulous right-wing, it is clear that only a strong Communist Party of Turkey with the full support of the international communist and workers' movement can ensure stability, prosperity and humane relations in Turkish society.

I will briefly introduce you to the political profile of the party that I represent. The Party of Communists of Serbia is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party of firm Yugoslav orientation. To be exact we do not acknowledge breaking Yugoslavia into counter-revolution in 1990 and we fight for reintegration on a voluntary basis as the best solution for all the Yugoslav peoples. We also do not recognize the breaking of the Soviet Union and we believe that the reintegration of the Soviet Union, freed the mistakes of the past be the best solution to the Ukrainian crisis, for all the peoples of the USSR and the development of the communist movement in the world.

Party of Communists of Serbia conceptual and legal successors of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia (KPJ) and The League of Communists of Yugoslavia (SKJ) which was formed in 1919 and already in 1941 at the beginning of the Second World War and the attacks of fascist Germany on the Soviet Union, led the nation in the fight against fascism and successfully completed the National Liberation Struggle and simultaneously carried out a socialist revolution, which was organized and led by the Communist Party (KPJ) with Marshal Tito at the helm. Following 45 years despite some mistakes, we have successfully built self workers'-management socialism and develop humanistic relations in society. Our role models are Tito's communist generations, or the Communists with a rifle in his hands. There is a great mistake for those who think that capitalism can bring down the communists with mobile phone in hand. Our position is that each generation of Communists should be obliged to have a favorable moment led the people to revolution. We do not advocate adventurism but the courage they had comrades of Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse-tung, Ho Chi Minh, Tito, Fidel Castro, etc.

Let us be brave! The opposite of courage is not cowardice, but conformity as well. Conformity is one of the biggest threats to the Communist movement. Many Communists, for years and decades after the protests, strikes, debates and meetings enjoy in the comfort of warm homes before the TV set, rather than storm the city palace where the seats of bourgeois institutions. I know well what the horrors of armed conflict, since I was a Yugoslav National Army (JNA) officer with a five-pointed star on the helmet participated in the civil war in Yugoslavia, and did all that evil would be minimal. Just because the wars never repeated such as they were in Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, etc. Just because of that capitalism must bring down willingly or by force, because otherwise it would make all the greater evils on the planet.

I come from Serbia in which the disastrous situation in all spheres of social life. It is impossible to estimate where the situation is worse, whether in politics, economics, social policy, education, healthcare, culture, sports and so on. In power today, and so it was in previous years, the puppet government who without question follow orders from the centers of neo-fascism today and those are the United States and most powerful European countries. Mentioned capitalist states using globalism, which represents the neo-colonialism, neo-fascism and anti-communism, terrorize humanity with demagogic story about human rights. By inhumanity and destructiveness Serbian authorities in certain segments exceeded their bosses. The common man in Serbia is disappointed, dissatisfied, scared, lonely, in apathetic condition, without sufficient rebellious energy, who at every election votes against him and to his detriment. Unfortunately, in Serbia there is not a strong and monolithic Communist Party, which would be the vanguard of the working class and other dissatisfied citizens. For this state of relations between small and numerous parties with communist and workers' sign, the greatest responsibility have influential individuals in the management of these parties. These parties have no influence on social trends in Serbia. The Communists of Serbia for years without success is initiator of Communists' unification and we will insist on it in the future. Most of us bother poor inter-party relations between the Communists of Serbia (KS) and the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (NKPJ). The situation is so bad that the united would not be a significant political force, but it would be a precondition for serious political work and encouraging supporters to engage in class struggle as members of a united revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party. Unfortunately, today there is no The Communist International, which this situation in Serbia and many other countries would resolve through binding instructions.

Dear Comrades,

The Communists of Serbia are concerned about the situation in which there is a world communist and workers' movement. We are concerned about disunity and poor quality cooperation between communist parties. It amazes us that proletarian internationalism more formal than practical and essential. No more of the Bolshevik Party of the Soviet Union, which helped organizational, personnel and material on all communist and workers' parties, progressive trade unions and all the libertarian movements in the world. Similarly behaved the Communist Party of Yugoslavia (KPJ) within the limits of their capabilities. Today more than ever there is a need for strong leader in the communist and workers' movement, as was once the Bolshevik party of the Soviet Union. The Communists of Serbia (KS) believe that the role of the leading party in the communist and workers' movement should take over the Communist Party of China (CPC). The Communists of Serbia (KS) can still admire the CPC's founder Mao Tse Tung and his comrades. We admire the achievements of today's CPC but ask the Chinese comrades openly question why their enormous ideological, personnel, organizational and material resources do not help the troubled world communist movement so as to put on his forehead and took him to the victorious struggle against capitalism. A precondition for this is to create a unified ideological platform all together and clearly delineate with all modes of right and pseudo-left. Since capitalism is becoming more destructive and could not be repaired, the only way is to crash it in the interest of humanity that is under increasing threat.

The Communists of Serbia propose to form a new (fifth) Communist International, whose key task would be to make more effective operation of the international communist and workers' movement so as to not only adopt programs and resolutions from numerous international meetings, but to create the conditions in which it would be possible to control the execution of the tasks set, as it used to with more or less success seemed Comintern.

This means that the international communist and workers' movement must have its executive organs, whose overriding task was to organize and control the implementation of the tasks of the Fifth Communist International in which can be admitted parties that meet the following criteria:

To be revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party.
To fight for dominance of social, state and cooperative property. Private property is permitted if there is no exploitative character and does not threaten the foundations of socialist socio-economic relations.
Adhering to proletarian internationalism and to the possibilities of helping other parties ideologically, organization-

ally and materially as well.

To draw a line of demarcation and do not cooperate with parties of the right and social democratic pseudo-left.

All interested parties to adapt their programs and practices to these conditions.

UNITE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM UNDER FAMOUS RED FLAG OF FREEDOM!

LONG LIVE THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT!



SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY

CHRIS MATLHAKO

The South African Communist Party (SACP) expresses its profound greetings and solidarity with the comrades and parties gathered here at occasion of the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties (IMCWP), in Istanbul, Turkey and hosted by the Communist Party, Turkey. 105

We express our thanks to the Communist Party, Turkey for its work in organizing this meeting. On behalf of the South African Communist Party (SACP), we want to congratulate the Communist Party, Turkey for making excellent arrangements for hosting the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties (IMCWP), particularly in these difficult and testing times in Turkey, the region and the world. At the outset, we want to pay homage to the people who lost their lives in a recent brutal bomb attack in Ankara and other places. We salute the steadfast and fighting people who are not cowed and are bracing such attacks, but also defying them to express and register their protest against the anti-people policies of Erdogan's AKP government.

We salute the working class and popular strata of Turkey and toiling sections for resisting repression and pledge our solidarity with their struggles, and wish the Communist Party, Turkey well in the upcoming elections on Sunday, 1 November.

The tasks of the communist and workers' parties in the current conjuncture

This International Meeting of Communists and Workers Parties takes place under the theme: "The Tasks of Communists and Workers Parties to strengthen the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and fascism, for workers and peoples' emancipation, for socialism". We believe this theme correctly captures the essence of working class and popular strata struggles in the current period. Indeed, we must continue to develop appropriate responses to the crisis and provide alternatives for the masses of people reeling from the consequences of the effects of capitalism. The working people and popular strata depend on us to struggle for a better quality of life and the overthrow of capitalism and for the construction of socialism.

The SACP is conscious of the enormity of the tasks that confront the working class, its formations and the popular strata in the struggles for an alternatives in South Africa, the region and the world. This, we want to believe requires even greater unity between and amongst the progressive and popular forces to enhance its mobilisation, campaigning capacities and overall tactics.

In fact we require a deep debate and discussion in the ICWP movement to outline perspectives and appreciation for those exploring the difficult tasks of evolving a trajectory for change - an alternative to capitalist development with-in conditions and circumstances not of their own making.

We require deeper analysis of the ongoing processes in Latin America in particular, to appreciate the efforts of leftward shifts occurring there and the huge challenges they confront in articulating an alternative trajectory for the countries and peoples' away from "there's no alternative" (TINA) notion of the doomsayers.

The SACP which is an active participant in the Tripartite Alliance led by the African National Congress (ANC), also understand the challenges that confront the progressive alliance in country and has continued work on that front, but has also scored major victories in the past. We take responsibility for the revolution - both the victories and setbacks! Huge advances have been made to reverse the legacy of apartheid colonialism through a myriad of policies in the last 20-odd years. Though a lot needs to be done to ensure fundamental transformation occurs. It is for this reason that we have supported the ANC's more radical second phase of transformation so as to ensure that the process becomes reversible and materially alters the conditions of the majority of our people, who are the working class and the poor, women and youth.

Recently, the country witnessed the mass protests of university students marching and demanding for lower fees at universities for 2016. The SACP and the Progressive Youth Alliance (PYA) - which includes the progressive South African Students Congress (SASCO), the ANC Youth League and the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCL-SA) supported this struggle and expanded the demands to explore 'free education for the poor' in South Africa and the fundamental transformation of higher education in the country. Former white universities which have positioned themselves as bastions of neoliberalism and capitalism have deliberately excluded poor and working class students from accessing university education through a myriad of measures, including through financial exclusion and making university education more expensive and therefore out of reach for the majority.

Though these universities are state-funded, they have relied on the notion of institutional autonomy and academic freedom to entrench anti-people programmes and furthering a neoliberal agenda. They receive per capita higher private sector investment in comparison to non-white universities, which remain marginal and 'bush' universities in a post-apartheid South Africa.

The demand for free education for the poor and fundamental transformation of higher education will provide the basis for the decommodification of basic services such as education, health and housing.

We are confident that the demands and struggle for free education, are attainable within the context of creating alternatives. The Minister for Higher Education and Training, Blade Nzimande - who is the General-Secretary of the SACP has argued that in order to finance the no-fees and free education for the poor, taxing the rich more and/or through corporate tax and windfall taxes will be the avenues which will be explored.

Building alternatives

The 5th November will mark the 10th anniversary of the defeat of Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) with introduction of ALBA - the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America. In its own terms the ALBA is a "political, economic, and social alliance in defense of independence, self-determination and the identity of peoples comprising it", which now includes eleven member states from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Efe Can Gürcan and Onur Bakiner describe counter-hegemonic practice in action in Latin America, arguing that 'post-neoliberal regional integration has emerged as a political, economic, and cultural alternative to neoliberal hegemony' in the South American continent, particularly through such regional organizations as ALBA, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America

We believe it is important to support the developments in Latin America about regional integration as efforts towards building people-centered and genuine alternatives to North American imperialism and hegemony. The integration models that have been developed in Latin America on the basis of mutually beneficial and fraternal solidarist methodology, which bear important lessons for progressives and communists across the world.

It is in this context that as the SACP we think engaging the rationale of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) bloc and its implications as a form of ongoing struggle against imperialism and capitalist hegemony, should be explored and further evolved. To this end, we will convene an international seminar on BRICS, which will bring together communist parties from the countries making up BRICS and others to further debate the relevance of BRICS

in the contemporary politics. This endeavour is aimed at exploring efficacy of this a model for integration outside the sphere of influence of North American and European imperialism.

We also believe 'The Belt and Road' initiative of the Peoples' Republic of China hold mutually beneficial issues for the linkages outlined. The Belt and Road Initiative, also known as "The Silk Road Economic Belt" and "21st Century Maritime Silk Road", is a project that developed by the Chinese government with the purpose of economic integration among countries from Asia, Europe and Africa along five routes.

It aims: to link China to Europe through Central Asia and Russia; to connect China with the Persian Gulf through Central Asia; to bring together China and Southeast Asia, South Asia and the Indian Ocean. Furthermore, the initiative intends to use coastal ports to link China with Europe through the South China Sea and Indian Ocean; and to connect China with the South Pacific Ocean through the South China Sea.

Hamis visits South Africa

Recently, the ANC led Alliance invited to South Africa, HAMAS for a series of exchanges and honest engagements. HAMAS which was led by its leader Khaled Mish'al was welcomed in the country enthusiastically and had numerous exchanges with various roleplayers including an important exchange with the leadership of the SACP.

The SACP committed itself to continue putting pressure of apartheid Israel and work towards realizing the goals of self-determination of the Palestinian people. We encourage and share in the struggles and campaigns of such platforms as Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) - which are active in the country to expand and even deepen its impact. Palestinians have suffered for generations in camps and apartheid Israel prisons, facing torture and death, and Israeli bombings of schools and homes.

Capitalism is in crisis

While it is imperative to develop short term interventions to save jobs, to address crisis levels of household indebtedness and much more, we must never lose sight of the deeply embedded structural features of the current capitalist crisis both in South Africa and globally. Since 2008 the epicenter of global capitalist crisis has shifted from Wall Street to Iceland, from Portugal, to Greece and Puerto Rico, to the Chinese stock markets. One 'solution' after another simply results in further knock-on crises elsewhere.

Everywhere the rural poor, the working class and the vast stretches of the middle strata globally are suffering, while a 'one percent' rentier class becomes ever more filthy rich. The scandalous death of tens of thousands of desperate refugees in the Mediterranean and in Europe - fleeing poverty and imperialist inspired destabilization in Syria, Libya and elsewhere - is another manifestation of the deepening crisis of capitalism.

Capitalism is in crisis - our task is not to save capitalism from it crisis, but to save humanity and the planet from capitalism!

Socialism is the future! Build it now!



COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PEOPLES OF SPAIN

ASTOR GARCIA

Dear comrades of the Communist Party, Turkey,
Dear Comrades:

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On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain I would like to convey fraternal internationalist greetings to all the fraternal parties present here. We also send our warmest greetings and our best wishes for success in the struggles they carry out to those parties who have not been able to come to Istanbul.

The topic of this 17th International Meeting obliges us to reflect on the tasks of the Communist and Workers' Parties to strengthen the struggle of the working class in all areas. For our Party, this is a very suitable occasion to express our opinions on the matters that we consider essential within the International Communist Movement.

As you surely know, very important general elections will be held in less than two months in Spain. Our Party is preparing the work to be developed in this campaign with a fundamental objective: to increase the influence of PCPE among the working masses to raise the level of revolutionary consciousness and thus promote the maturation of the revolutionary subjective factor in our country.

As we have expressed in numerous documents, we believe that the objective conditions for the revolutionary transition to socialism already exist in Spain. The wealth produced by the Spanish working class, with a centrally planned economy, would fully meet the needs of the entire population. But the subjective factor is not mature enough: there is not yet a revolutionary consciousness developed among the masses.

Although the working class and popular sectors of Spain have been able to live and experience, in the recent years, what the limits of the capitalist system are, for two years we have been witnessing a campaign aimed at promoting new political parties which are "refreshment parties", parties that can replace the Social Democrats or the Conservatives who have managed the capitalist crisis and have been managing Spanish capitalism in the last 30 years.

This operation, conducted from mass-media linked to sectors of the oligarchy, is just another step in the diversion that began in May 2011 with the movement of the squares, the "indignados". It aims to keep the working class and the popular sectors within the framework of capitalist management, relying on hypothetical reforms that will not solve the fundamental problem of every capitalist society: the contradiction between capital and labour.

The only alternative, comrades, comes through the strengthening of the Communist Party and the development of a policy that, trying to widen the alliances of the working class, is mainly directed towards the working class. Respecting the political positions of social sectors who are near the working class, but never getting behind those alien political positions. To achieve that goal, it is essential that the Communist Party is present in the workplaces, there where the contradiction between capital and labour is clearly seen.

Without an organized presence of the communists in the workplaces there is no possible strengthening of the communist project and the conquest of political power will remain distant.

Therefore, in our 10th Congress, to be held in June 2016, the PCPE will very seriously discuss how we should take steps to be stronger within the labour and trade union movement, how can we build our organization in the workplaces, while our youth strengthens in the student movement and the youth movement in general. As comrade Pedro Checa, secretary of organization of the Communist Party during our National Revolutionary War, the strength of the Party is found in the factories, that is where the Party branch must work, following Lenin's words when he noted that "the main strength of the movement lies in the organisation of the workers at the large factories, for the large factories (and mills) contain not only the predominant part of the working class, as regards numbers, but even more as regards influence, development, and fighting capacity". That is the path we have to follow in order to strengthen Communist and Workers' Parties, complementing it with a restless struggle against the influence of the bourgeois ideology within the working masses.

Overall, the communist work should be complemented by an accurate assessment of the international situation and the effects that this situation has on the work of the Communist and Workers' Parties.

The depletion of the socio-historical capitalist formation is evident. Monopoly capitalism, imperialism, is a system that needs to destroy productive forces in order to survive as a system. It needs to destroy the living and working conditions of the working class, thus leading millions of workers to a situation of wage slavery.

Imperialism is socializing labour to incredible limits. Monopolies of any country are closer than ever to be able to exploit the working class of any country or, put another way, the whole working class of the world can be exploited by the capitalists of all countries. Therefore international-

ism is today one of the key elements in the work of the communists, raising the economic struggle of the class to political struggle, which means a general conception of the processes of capitalist exploitation at a world level.

The contradictions between the major capitalist powers have exponentially sharpened and this creates a very high level of instability and great dangers for the world's working class. This sharpening is an accelerated phenomenon since the triumph of the counterrevolution in the Soviet Union and the European socialist bloc.

Scarcity of resources, compounded by the anarchy in production reigning in capitalism, the growing importance of their transportation routes and the need for markets, all of them are factors that multiply the clashes between monopoly groups and their political-military structures. This brings closer the danger that any spark triggers a contend of big dimensions.

The war is intrinsic to capitalist development in the present imperialist stage and it is necessary to maintain the rate of profit of the monopolies. The war is a tool of imperialism and therefore the struggle against imperialist war should be one of the main areas of work of the Communist and Workers' Parties, on the basis that the struggle against imperialist war is inseparable from the struggle against the system that generates it.

Currently, we see how the war has torn countries such as Syria, Libya and Iraq; we also see how the Palestinian people are suffering; periodically we witness the aggressions against the Lebanese and the attacks against the progressive sectors in Turkey. To all these peoples we express our deepest international solidarity.

Comrades, in the framework of the sharpening inter-imperialist conflicts, the communists have the obligation of not falling in the trap of favouring one or the other imperialism. We have to tirelessly fight against the imperialist powers and structures in which our countries participate. In the case of Spain, it is very clear that it is the EU and NATO, mainly. But we also consider it necessary to firmly address the debate on the role of the different powers in the current global scenario and fight against theories such the one of the multi-polarity. Those theories ignore the Leninist analysis on the state and imperialism.

Assuming that, in face of every aggression, our actions must always be marked by denouncing the aggressive power, we should never confuse with the consequent anti-imperialist discourse and positions the opposition of other powers, being it cyclical or sustained over time, to

the specific maneuvers of one imperialist power. A confusion of this magnitude would lead to the working class and the peoples of the world to new undesirable situations in which they would become cannon fodder for the greater glory of the respective capitalists.

We formally request the participants in this International Meeting that, in future editions, some issues such as the characterization of imperialism and the imperialist state alliances are systematically addressed. For us this is a central issue in the development of a joint strategy in the International Communist Movement.

Comrades, we hope that the works in this meeting will be fruitful and that our discussions here will help the development of all Communist and Workers' Parties in their struggles.

Thank you very much for the attention.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF SRI-LANKA

RAJA CULTURE

The Communist Party of Sri Lanka (CPSL) conveys its warm fraternal greetings to all communist and workers parties participating in this 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties. We are also extremely obliged and thankful to the Communist Party - Turkey, the host party, for the excellent arrangements made in facilitating this Meeting to be held in Istanbul with all the conveniences. **113**

Comrades,

In our view the key issues that we should discuss here should pertain to the struggle of the international working class movement in defence of the rights of the working people the world over, for the advancement of their living and working conditions, for democracy, peace and social progress in the background of the capitalist onslaught in a globalised world.

Despite the aggressiveness of international capital it continues to be in crisis struggling to control its impact, jumping from one cyclical crisis to another. However, we have to contend with the spread of International Capital's hold on all countries without exception in regard to international trade, monetary relations and finance. There is a growing shift in capitalist production from the metropolitan countries to the so-called emerging economies, mainly in Asia. When it comes to World GDP the share of the major economies of North America (the United States and Canada) and Europe as well as Japan are in decline.

The emergence of China as the second most powerful economy in the world is a decisive development, although it cannot act independent of the world capitalist system. Another important development is that the European Union as a single entity comprising 28 countries has outstripped the United States in the placement of the world GDP line-up. The decline in the economic strength of the Western Powers is compelling them to come to terms with the emerging economies in regard to the management of the crises of the capitalist system. Hence the rise in importance of the G20 (Group of 20 Countries) which includes the emerging economies.

In world affairs the western powers are more and more finding it difficult to push their policy stances in the direction they desire. For example, now they seek the cooperation of such countries as Russia and Iran, earlier considered as their adversaries, to come out of the quagmire in Syria. They are also concerned about their set-backs in Iraq and Libya. This reminds us of the statement made by the Republican front-runner for US Presidency, Donald

114 Rump that the world would have been a better place with Saddam Hussain and Gadaffi in power.,

In Sri Lanka the progressive forces have suffered a setback with the effective return to power of a government led by the pro-imperialist United National Party (UNP) which represents the Sri Lankan big bourgeoisie in the main. The main causes for the defeat of the previous ruling Alliance led by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) which had been in power for two decades continuously were the anti-incumbency factor, its authoritarian rule, allegations of bribery and corruption and bad governance. Interestingly the people voted it out of power despite its significant achievements in the fields of economic development (mainly infrastructure) and uplift of people's living standards and ending the civil war which had gone on for 30 years.

However, under compulsion the new government has established independent commissions for administration of justice, the public service, the police, the human rights institution, the institution for the elimination of bribery and corruption and several others. The constitution was amended for the purpose with the support of the opposition in parliament including that of the CPSL. This has reduced the executive power of the president to an extent. Yet, the abolition of the executive presidential system and its replacement with a system under which the people's sovereignty is exercised through parliament, which is so important in the context of democracy in Sri Lanka, is still held in the balance.

The President who defected from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), the main element in the former governing alliance, to contest the Presidential elections with the support of the UNP, subsequently became the leader of that party (the SLFP). After the Parliamentary General Elections the two major political parties (the UNP and the SLFP) have come into a grand coalition, thus complicating the political situation in the country. The SLFP is virtually split on the issue of formation of the coalition government. The section opposed to the coalition, comprising the majority, is cooperating with the anti-UNP opposition parties including the CPSL, but is unable to openly act with this opposition grouping for fear of disciplinary action which could forfeit their seats in parliament.

The present government which is dominated by the UNP pursues right wing policies and has aligned itself with the imperialist powers in its foreign policy. With the economy under stress it is bound to adopt measures that affect the living standards of the working people. Already it is on course to take measures of an anti-people nature. The need has arisen therefore to build a united opposition

formation against the UNP led government. Although the situation is complicated the CPSL together with the Socialist Alliance comprising five left parties is working towards establishing such a formation.

The defeat of the terrorist organisation - Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) - in 2009 ended a civil war that lasted 30 years. Although it brought peace and stability to the country the immediate aftermath of the war was a period that gave rise to many a problem. Firstly, a lasting solution to the national problem which underlies the cause of the war has to be found. Tens of thousands of people who instantly became refugees had to be settled. The problem of rehabilitation of the militant fighters had to be addressed. Steps had to be taken for the reconstruction of the infrastructure damaged during the war and provision of housing etc. to replace those destroyed during the period.

An inquiry into violations of human rights and breaches of the humanitarian law by the armed forces and the LTTE was demanded by national as well as international organisations. The government appointed a Commission called the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) comprising eminent persons. Its recommendations were appreciated both locally and internationally. However, the government failed to implement them in time. The CPSL persistently demanded that the government should implement its recommendations without delay. The government was not responsive.

The failure of the government to implement the recommendations of the LLRC resulted in the international community and the Tamil diaspora insisting that the allegations of human rights violations and contraventions of the humanitarian law during the immediate aftermath of the war be investigated by the United Nations. Ultimately the United States brought forth a resolution in the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva proposing that the matters in issue be referred to an international investigation which was adopted by the Human Rights Council. Later the United States agreed with the Sri Lankan government to modify the resolution in certain respects to establish a mechanism with the participation of foreign judges, investigators and prosecutors etc. instead of a hybrid mechanism for investigation.

A section of the Opposition does not agree with the judicial mechanism proposed to be established. They say that the mechanism should be a fully national one and that the proposed mechanism violates the provisions of the national constitution. They also object to Sri Lanka co-sponsoring the resolution which was originally moved against Sri Lanka. The CPSL states that the judicial mechanism should

accord with the constitution. The government insists that it is a national mechanism that is sought to be established. In any case the proposal for the creation of the mechanism has to be placed before parliament and a law for the purpose adopted. Then only the matters in issue would become clear.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF SWEDEN

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The Communist Party of Sweden sends its greetings and solidarity to all comrades gathered here. We thank the Communist Party of Turkey for its generous hospitality

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Dear comrades,

The idea that Sweden is a relative progressive country with strong welfare where the workers have influence over the production is persistent myth. There are few countries in Europe that before the crisis of 2008 had privatized and impoverished the people as Sweden. The only country that has equaled us is England. This development began in the eighties when the then existing social democratic government started to reduce the wages, a development that is constantly ongoing. Before the attack on the wages began they consisted of seventy percent of the GDP, today they are down to an estimate of fifty percent.

The victory of the counter-revolution in the Soviet Union dealt a serious blow against the worker's movement and Sweden was no exception. But the victory came at a very auspicious moment for the Swedish capital. A financial crisis had broken out because of the deregulation of credit market in 1985, which led to a property bubble where the Swedish crown was speculated against. The crisis was exploited in full to enforce policy that with great certainty would have been impossible at another time. Between 1991 and 1994 the amount of privatizations and unbundlings were so many that Sweden was world-leading in selling off the public sector.

This period is characterized by dramatic increase in unemployment. From being around one to two percent whereas two was considered to be a smaller catastrophe it suddenly rose close to nine percent. The high unemployment was utilized to legitimize a referendum concerning a membership in the European Union. Even though the proponents had an enormous advantage when it came to resources the result was unclear until the treachery from the social democrats. By claiming that they had received guaranties that the Swedish labor market policy with its collective bargaining and the principle of access to official records would remain untouched they managed to shift the opinion into their favor. These guaranties have now through the Laval judgment against the Swedish Building Workers' Union and the changes in the principle of access to official records in connection with the upcoming TTIP agreement proven to be brazen lies.

Privatizations have since then been the watchword for Swedish policy regardless government constellation and they have reached such proportions that few countries

117 can brag to be, in certain areas, deregulated as the Chile of Milton Friedman. But there combat planes, mass murder and torture was necessary to implement such policy. In Sweden it was enough with fair promises from the social democrats.

In the wake of privatizations and unbundlings the union movement has been a target for fierce attacks, externally but above else internally. The social democrats strangle all attempts of grass root activism through a bureaucratic organization where almost all the power lies with the federation boards which of course they control themselves. The support to the EU, passivity instead of struggle, the acceptance of private employment services whose sole purpose is to break the unions and the strong ties to the social democratic party has led to maybe the highest degree of organization in the world among the working class has dramatically sunk.

Sweden is an imperialistic country, in other words a country where state and financial capital is interwoven and profits on capital export utilizing different methods of coercion. But unlike most imperialistic countries Sweden has abstained from participation in war and has not been tied up in any alliance. Principles of neutrality have been an important part of Swedish foreign policy. This stance changed in 1994. Sweden joined Partnership for Peace (PfP), an organization that is a prelude to a membership in NATO and in connection with the so called war on terror the country was in war for the first time in two hundred years. This development has since then only accelerated. Sweden is not only a participant in wars but is also active in conducting coup d'états as in the Ukraine. Our government sponsors different religious fundamentalist groups and terrorists and mercenaries gather where there is money and weapons. In an effort to overthrow Al-Assad Sweden has sponsored the so called Free Syrian Army with close to 4 million euro's a year. The money has gone directly to the Al-Nusra front, Al-Qaeda's divisions in Syria. Our country's foreign policy in recent years bears great responsibility for the massive flows of refugees that we now see.

With the alleged Russian threat in our region imperialism has gained ground with NATO. Next year our parliament is supposed to sign what is called the Host Nation Support agreement. If this happens Sweden will surely in the close future become a member in NATO. This will create an enormous instability and the risk for future conflicts with Russia will increase. The pro-NATO campaign has partly been managed through mass media by alarmist claims that Russia soon are going to invade but also obscurely by the different parliament majorities under two decades. They have attuned the armed forces and weapons systems as well

as conducting exercises with NATO on a regular basis, all to prepare the army for a future membership. The military spending has also increased to nearly two percent which is a requirement for NATO members.

Although everything seems bleak and pitch black there still are a few rays of light. During the last years several spontaneous uprisings against the plunder of the public sector, foremost regarding areas like schooling and health-care, have taken place. These actions that have contained demonstrations and occupations were often organized by personnel that had enough. But unfortunately the opportunistic parties took, as many times before, control over management, disarmed and in the end killed the workers initiative. Other areas worth mentioning is the radical youth's participation in the anti-fascist struggle and the occupations related to the question of housing that we have seen in recent years. Many youths are also involved in the living conditions of the Romani and the newly arrived refugees. As for the Union movement there have also been some promising initiatives at a local level.

The theme for the meeting is "The tasks of Communist and Workers' Parties to strengthen the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and fascism, for workers' and peoples' emancipation, for socialism". The labor movement's collective experience, both yours and ours, shows that the traditional work procedure is the only way to ensure success. Close cooperation with the working class in the mass organizations, active participation in spontaneous manifestations, both legal and illegal, to strengthen the interests of the people, the organization of militant actions with clear class paroles and continuous disclosures in our own mass media is the cornerstone of every party. We must with all our strength clarify the deceit and the illusion that we live in a democratic society that includes all.

In this struggle we must jointly develop a strategy to combat the opportunistic parties. These parties are probably the most important impediment that leads the class struggle to socialism. The European opportunistic left has wandered so far out into the swamp that it has become difficult to distinguish them from the open bourgeois parties in their practical policy. This is often even stated by their own members as from officials in the unions. Their active support for imperialistic wars, regime changes, EU and their utilizations of the so called Russian threat to usher us in to NATO does that this question once again rupture the national framework.

Sweden faces many political challenges whereof the question regarding TTIP and the Host Nation Support agreement

are among the most important because it will mean that Sweden in the future will become fully active in imperialistic wars and all of the working class' achievements will be eradicated. To reach success in the struggle against the capitals' tightening grip over the working people, it is required that our party executes its role as an organizer and ideological guide. Our international joint committees as the IMCWP and the Initiative will play an important role because of the information that we can get a hold of will be invaluable.

Comrades,

Karl Marx phrased:

Workers in all countries unite!

In the age of the so called globalization, war and destitution create flows of refugees but unwilling migration is also created by the freedoms of the monopolies. The capitals globalization and concentration makes the struggle global but must by necessity primarily proceed from a national playfield. Because of this it's imperative that our international movement comes to an agreement that members and sympathizers from our fraternal parties that move over borders and continents have procedures to make/take contact with the party that organizes the working class in the country where they are going to reside.

To be able to join and strengthen the proletariat we should begin with the communists that have moved and has their subsistence in our respective country. They are going to be a part of the working class in the new country and they are going make the same experiences. It is important that they are not misled or bought by opportunism that is the leading and pacifying force in the labor movement today. When newly arrived comrades settle in our countries they lack fundamental knowledge of regional and national labor history and they are also unfamiliar with the political map. A communist party with another nationality cannot organize and lead the class struggle in another country. At best we can influence each other theoretically on an international level. To follow the Party principles of Lenin: the workers class should be organized within the Communist Party from a national level. Herefore Lenin wanted that every CP should wear its national appellation. One nation-one struggle- one party!

Communist parties that are not illegal in their country of

origin should not keep or build new sections in other countries. It's very clear that the members have a tendency to become passive and separated from the class struggle, political development and participation. Their vast knowledge will become lost to us all. If this maintains one must call it by its proper name, dogmatism.

On the regional plane the communist parties must do what they can to gain influence in the anti-imperialistic mass organizations and the peace movement to create confidence among the masses for our political struggle, methods and ideology. Anti-imperialistic actions will thus become more continuous and sustainable. The communist and workers parties should therefore create and organize the struggle through regional initiatives or else the opportunistic forces will take over.

These are ways to strengthen the international proletarian struggle and the work for peace.

Long live the proletarian internationalism.



COMMUNIST PARTY OF UKRAINE

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Дорогие товарищи, друзья.

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От имени Компартии и трудового народа Украины, всехантифашистских сил нашей страны, приветствую участников нынешней встречи коммунистических и рабочих партий и выражаю уверенность, что этот представительный форум даст новый толчок в деле освобождения мирового пролетариата и народов мира от империалистического гнета.

Позвольте выразить благодарность нашим друзьям и коллегам из Коммунистической партии Турции за приглашение и возможность донести до мирового сообщества правду о том, что сегодня происходит в Украине и что предпринимают коммунисты, чтобы противостоять социальному геноциду правящего олигархического режима, прекратить развязанную им братоубийственную гражданскую войну на Донбассе, остановить и уничтожить распolzающуюся, как раковая опухоль, неофашистскую и неонацистскую заразу.

Вначале сентября делегация Компартии Украины, как и многие присутствующие сегодня на нашей встрече, принимала участие в 39 ежегодном фестивале «Аванте!», где задача объединения рабочих разных стран, разных национальностей, разных вероисповеданий в борьбе за свои коренные интересы, права и свободы против капиталистического гнета на основе идей социализма и коммунизма, была определена в качестве первоочередной задачи мирового коммунистического движения. А победа над фашизмом – необходимым условием нашей общей победы над мировым капиталом.

В этом году исполнилось 80 лет со дня проведения VII Конгресса III Интернационала. Но как и тогда, в 1935 году, сегодня, к сожалению, также актуальны его выводы и оценки: господствующая буржуазия всегда ищет выход из тяжелейших кризисов путем разорения народных масс, обрекая на голод и вымирание десятки миллионов безработных. Она ищет спасение в фашизме, в установлении открытой, террористической диктатуры наиболее реакционных, наиболее шовинистических и наиболее империалистических элементов финансово-промышленного капитала.

Как и 80 лет назад, сегодня, в XXI столетии, главным финансовым спонсором и идейным вдохновителем профашистских организаций и партий выступает крупный империалистический капитал, который, спасаясь от очередного кризиса, и уже фактически развязал новую мировую войну – войну богатых против бедных или, говоря языком марксизма, - идет мировая

В этой глобальной войне буржуазия опирается на свое – буржуазное «классовое сознание» и буржуазные «классовые подходы», и при этом всеми силами старается разобщить, лишить трудящихся собственного – «пролетарского сознания». Поэтому, отказ от классовых подходов станет роковым для коммунистического, рабочего и всего левого движения. Этого допустить нельзя! Классовой организации современной глобальной буржуазии мы обязаны противопоставить классовую организованность современного мирового пролетариата.

Убежден, что на нынешней стамбульской встрече все перечисленные мировые проблемы и связанные с ними угрозы, а также угроза исламского фундаментализма, который щедро кормится из рук «дядюшки Сэма», будут подвергнуты самому тщательному анализу и совместными усилиями мы выработаем стратегию и тактику наших совместных действий по формированию единого мирового антиимпериалистического антифашистского фронта.

Что такое фашизм и диктатура гражданам Украины известно теперь не только из книг, воспоминаний и рассказов наших отцов и дедов. В стране, в результате государственного переворота 2014 года, установлен жестокий тоталитарный режим, развязавший моральный и физический террор, которому подвергаются оппозиционные силы, прежде всего коммунисты и их сторонники.

Вот уже более двух десятков лет, с момента обретения формальной независимости, находящиеся у власти проамериканские марионетки целенаправленно уничтожают социальные завоевания советской эпохи, захватывают и присваивают государственную собственность, ликвидируя при этом систему народовластия и утверждая буржуазную демократию. То есть демократию меньшинства, демократию «элит».

Социальное государство планомерно заменяется милитаристским, фашистским.

За эти годы, сменяя друг друга у власти, выросшие на разграблении страны, погрязшие в криминале и коррупции олигархические кланы разорили Украину, превратили ее из страны, входившей в 1991 году в десятку наиболее развитых стран Европы, в одну из самых экономически и социально захудалых на континенте.

В это же время, пытаясь распространить свое влияние вглубь Евразийского пространства и создать мощный очаг напряженности у границ России, гигантские усилия Запада, прежде всего США и НАТО, были направлены на то, чтобы превратить Украину в свой восточный форпост.

Через многочисленные так называемые некоммерческие организации (НКО), создаваемые и финансируемые иностранными правительствами, в первую очередь Госдепом США, а также разнообразными «благотворительными» фондами, как, например, фонд Сороса в течении двух десятилетий велась активная работа с целью переформатировать сознание украинцев, особенно молодежи, расколоть нашу страну по этническому, языковому, религиозному признакам, возвести национализм и русофобию в ранг государственной идеологии. Естественно, что при этом особое внимание уделялось героизации пособников гитлеровских фашистов – вояк ОУН-УПА, батальонов СС «Галичина», «Роланд» и других подразделений, воевавших на стороне Гитлера.

Это не секрет. Об этом гордо заявляла и зам.госсекретаря госпожа Нуланд, приводя данные, что на «продвижение демократии в Украине» только США направили более пяти миллиардов долларов из своей государственной казны. Этого не скрывает и президент Соединенных Штатов Барак Обама, который в одном из выступлений сказал, что Соединенные Штаты непосредственно приняли участие в передаче власти в Украине во время кровавых событиях на Майдане в феврале 2014 года.

Кроме того, страны, сателлиты США в Европе, предоставляли свои базы для подготовки нацистских боевиков, поощряя насилие и антикоммунизм, приветствуя акты вандализма в отношении памятником советского периода и монументов советским воинам.

Особое внимание уделялось националистическим партиям, таким как «Свобода», а также ряду ультраправых нацистских организаций, которые до поры до времени находились в тени.

В феврале 2014 года, при непосредственной поддержке США и правых европейских политиков, в Украине был совершен вооруженный переворот ударной силой которого стали неонацистские отряды боевиков-ультрас, проходивших подготовку и обучение у американских и европейских военспецов на территории стран НАТО.

Стремление, захватившей власть проамериканской хунты, вопреки Конституции, навязать в качестве государственной человеконенавистническую национал-

шовинистскую идеологию, утвердить фашистский режим на всей территории Украины натолкнулись на неприятие и протест значительной части населения нашей страны.

В результате была разрушена территориальная целостность - Украина утратила Крым, на Донбассе запылала братоубийственная гражданская война. Счет жертвам этой войны - погибшим и раненым - идет на десятки тысяч, более миллиона человек, лишенных крова, вынуждены искать пристанища за пределами своих разрушенных городов и сел.

Среди преступлений провластных неонацистов, сожжение заживо людей в одесском Доме профсоюзов 2 мая 2014 года, показательные убийства политиков и журналистов, террористические акты против мирного населения. Крупнейший такой теракт был совершен 31 августа в Киеве возле здания Верховной Рады неонацистами из «Свободы», Радикальной партии, «Правого сектора» и так называемых добровольческих батальонов. В результате, несколько человек погибли, более 140 получили ранения различной степени тяжести.

Всего за полтора года правления хунты, все пороки и изъяны олигархической Украины развились в геометрической прогрессии. Это и незаконная торговля оружием, и торговля женщинами и детьми, и наркоторговля. Что касается последнего, то наркотические вещества, с ведома нынешнего руководства страны, активно применялись во время переворота на Майдане, чтобы довести людей до состояния безумия. С той же целью они применяются и сегодня в зоне боевых действий на Донбассе.

Украина полностью утратила политический и экономический суверенитет, все ветви власти, включая силовые ведомства, в тот или иной способ контролируются и управляются из-вне. Все государственные решения в Украине, как и ключевые кадровые назначения, принимается исключительно по указке и с ведома Белого Дома, НАТО и МВФ. Служба безопасности Украины уже давно стала филиалом ЦРУ, Министерство внутренних дел превратилось в один из полицейских департаментов США, Нацбанк - в местное отделение МВФ, Администрация Президента, Верховная Рада и Кабмин управляются непосредственно Госдепом.

Не случайно в народе правительство Украины именуется не иначе, как правительство гастробайтеров - иностранных наемников.

Всего за полтора года правления хунты Украина стала банкротом,

погрязшим в долгах, размер которых уже практически сравнялся с размером валового внутреннего продукта (ВВП). Уровень жизни упал в разы, национальная экономика разрушена до основания, более 20% экономического потенциала уничтожено безвозвратно. Безработица бьет все рекорды – только среди молодежи она перевалила за 23 %.

На фоне войны и народных бедствий не утихают межолигархические разборки за лакомые куски бюджетного пирога, за власть и возможность использовать её для личного обогащения. Только за год своего президентства и войны доходы Порошенко возросли в 7 раз.

Премьер-министр Яценюк стал долларовым миллиардером. Это кровавые миллиарды.

Состояния нескольких десятков олигархических семей равно общему состоянию почти 90 процентов всего населения Украины. В стране сформирована так называемая «элитарная экономика», которая ориентирована на обслуживание потребностей узкого круга имущих, а бедняки не представляют для нее никакой ценности и служат «расходным материалом», «пушечным мясом», которое не жалко отправить на фронт. Это самый что ни на есть социальный и экономический геноцид нашего народа.

Проводимая и насаждаемая реакционными и милитаристскими кругами США и НАТО политика на разжигание ненависти и эскалацию насилия, не только резко обострила все внутренние противоречия в Украине, она привела к конфронтации с Россией, разрыву с ней экономических и культурных связей. Эта конфронтация сознательно используется Соединенными Штатами для усиления своего влияния в Европе через нагнетание антироссийской истерии и размещения новых вооружений и ракет, нацеленных на Россию. Поэтому не удивительно, что именно в день 70-толетия окончания Второй мировой войны – 2 сентября 2015 года – Совет нацбезопасности и обороны Украины утвердил военную стратегию в которой Россия названа главным военным противником.

Реализация Минских договоренностей, призванных способствовать прекращению кровопролития на Донбассе умышленно срывается украинскими властями. Более того, Верховная Рада Украины не нашла ничего лучшего, как приостановить действие на территории конфликта Международного пакта о гражданских и политических правах, Конвенции о защите прав человека и основоположных свобод, Европейской социальной

Такая политика украинской хунты, в итоге, грозит обернуться трагедией для всех жителей Европы, как это случилось в 1914 и 1939 годах.

Против такой политики правящего режима жестко выступает Компартия Украины - единственная реальная политическая сила в стране, отстаивающая интересы трудового человека. Мы требуем прекращения братоубийственной гражданской войны. Выступаем против втягивания Украины в НАТО, против превращения Украины в сырьевой придаток империи рокфеллеров-ротшильдов.

Именно поэтому, движимая ненавистью к идеям социализма и коммунизма — идеям мира, добра и справедливости, в своей оголтелой ненависти к славному и героическому прошлому советской социалистической Украины правящая хунта развязала охоту на коммунистов. Нас преследуют, как в свое время преследовали коммунистов в гитлеровской Германии, как преследовали коммунистов во франкистской Испании, в Португалии времен Салазара, в Греции во время правления «Черных Полковников», как преследовали коммунистов Турции в период бесчинства «Серых волков».

Сегодня против моих товарищей по партии сфабриковано уже более 400 уголовных дел. Их бросают в застенки спецслужб по сфальсифицированным обвинениям, подвергают пыткам, угрожают физической расправой над ними и их семьями.

Год назад олигархи и националисты начали незаконный судебный процесс по запрету Компартии Украины. Но обломали зубы. И мы глубоко признательны всем братским партиям, нашим товарищам из Компартии Турции, международным прогрессивным организациям за солидарность и поддержку в этой справедливой и тяжелейшей борьбе.

Но враг силен и коварен! Киевский режим пошел на крайние меры:

парламент принял, а президент подписал ввел в действие так называемый пакет законов о «декоммунизации», а фактически о легализации фашизма и нацизма.

Этими законами головорезы ОУН-УПА и гитлеровские прихвостни объявляются героями, а советские воины-освободители — оккупантами. Под угрозой тюремного заключения запрещается использование

любой коммунистической символики, запрещается коммунистическая идеология. Последний вопиющий по своему цинизму и правовому беспределу пример — отказ в регистрации газеты «Левый марш» под тем предлогом, что эти слова есть в тексте стихотворения пролетарского поэта Владимира Маяковского,

написанного им в далеком 1918 году.

Законы о «декоммунизации» нарушают не только Конституцию Украины, они нарушают базовые международные документы по правам человека. Эти законы подверглись критике в докладе Верховного комиссара ООН по правам человека от 15 мая этого года.

Но для киевского режима нормы международного права — не указ, ведь за его спиной «торчат уши» военно-политической машины США.

Запрещая коммунистическую идеологию, режим, специально под местные выборы 2015 года регистрирует УНА-УНСО — откровенно нацистскую политическую партию, которая в своих программных и уставных документах ставит своей задачей установление в Украине нацистской диктатуры.

На основании принятых законов о «декоммунизации» хунта возобновила судебные преследования Компартии. Но мы не намерены задаваться. Мы будем бороться до победы и убеждены в ней, так как наше дело правое! И в этой борьбе коммунисты Украины, уверен, всегда, могут опереться на крепкое плечо братских партий.

Друзья!

Неофашизм и неонацизм зверствует и свирепствует не только в Украине. Он поднимает голову и нагнетает во многих государствах на разных континентах.

К сожалению, со стороны большинства лидеров Европы и Мира не чувствуется озабоченности в этом вопросе.

А ведь где фашизм, там и война — этому учит история.

Большую угрозу международной безопасности представляет сегодня стремление определенных империалистических сил к установлению «своего» мирового порядка. Гитлеру это не удалось. Сегодня эта тенденция выражена в политике Соединенных Штатов Америки.

Не случайно, разработанное Пентагоном новое руководство по ведению войны, о чем с тревогой и

возмущением заявляют ведущие

американские военные эксперты, как будто написано гитлеровскими министрами. А утвержденная в феврале этого года Стратегия национальной безопасности США прямо говорит, что необходимо сформировать КОНТУРЫ НОВОГО МИРОВОГО ПОРЯДКА, который будет и впредь отражать исключительно американские интересы и ценности.

И это не просто слова - все мы это знаем. Это знает Югославия, Ливия, Ирак, Сирия... Это теперь знает и Украина.

V I I Конгресс III Коммунистического Интернационала, о котором говорилось выше, провозгласил, что "остановить наступление капитализма можно только СОЗДАНИЕМ ШИРОКОГО

АНТИФАШИСТСКОГО ФРОНТА". Тогда призыв не был услышан человечеством дорогом за платило за это. Поэтому, сегодня коммунисты Украины вновь обращаются к своим друзьям и соратникам – к братским коммунистическим и рабочим партиям. Мы призываем объединиться под знаменами нового Антифашистского интернационала, задачей которого станет борьба трудящихся с причинами, порождающими фашизм и нацизм, то есть борьба против власти империалистического капитала за власть трудового народа.

Пролетарии всех стран, объединяйтесь!

Да здравствует, Коммунистический антифашистский интернационал!

Наше дело правое, победа будет за нами!



COMMUNIST PARTY OF LUXEMBOURG

WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION

As in all member states of the European Union, the social problems in Luxembourg are sharpening. More and more working people, unemployed and pensioners are falling through the »social net« and find themselves in growing debts. The lack of apartments is permanently increasing – as well as the number of unemployed people. According to official data of the statistic office, which is working under the guidance of the Ministry of Economy, unemployment in Luxembourg has reached 7 per cent. In reality, the quota of unemployment has already reached around 10 per cent. In working class areas in the south of the country, youth unemployment has reached about 20 per cent and more. Almost every fifth citizen has a monthly income under or around the official poverty limit. **125**

In 2014 the government – consisting of Liberals, Social Democrats and Greens – and their parliamentary majority have adopted an austerity program containing higher taxes as well as social cuts for the years to come, which puts higher burdens on the shoulders of the working people and the pensioners, resulting in serious losses of their spending capacities.

At the same time, the government has increased the military budget, which is now higher than in times of the so called Cold War, and Luxembourg soldiers are participating in military actions and manoeuvres of NATO.

Despite of the austerity policy, the trade unions are not in the position to seriously confront the course of the government. The Communist Party of Luxembourg supports all trade union initiatives leading to strengthen the resistance against the governmental austerity policy. We are utilizing our modest means of propaganda, mainly our daily newspaper »Zeitung vum Lëtzeburger Vollek« to inform the people about the whole scale of the planned social destructions, to call for resistance and to explain the alternative positions and proposals of KPL in the fields of policy, economy and social security.

This is what our party has defined as its main political task for the years to come, knowing very well that the conditions for our activities and struggles are complicated. Our regular political activities are concentrated on the southern and the central part of the country, where slightly more than one third of the 550,000 citizens of Luxembourg are living and working. Additionally, our daily work becomes more difficult with a view to the fact that we are facing a problem of different languages, since about 45 per cent of the people in our country are foreigners, among them around 90,000 migrants from Portugal. Most of them do not speak or understand Luxembourgish or German language.

The international situation has become more difficult than ever in the last 25 years. Tensions have sharpened, we are confronted with more wars and military conflicts. They lead not only to an increasing number of victims, but also to a situation of growing insecurity, mainly in the Middle East region. As a consequence of military interference by NATO and reactionary forces from the region, hundreds of thousands of people are leaving their homes and are on the way to find shelter and asylum in Europe.

In most of the European countries, mainly in member states of the European Union, we see growing signs of xenophobia, racism and even fascism. Right-wing parties, many of them with significant fascist tendencies, are gaining influence in societies, in local, regional and national parliaments – including the Parliament of the European Union. Racist and fascist forces are marching day by day on the streets in European cities. The policy of the European Union as well as most of the governments of the EU member states is directly or indirectly supporting these developments, accompanied by a massive propaganda wave in bourgeois media.

The leadership of the European Union, which is acting in the interest of the big banks and monopolies, is utilizing the ongoing capitalist crisis as well as the growing number of refugees to destroy step by step the still existing remains of social systems in all the member states. The most remarkable example we can see today in Greece, where the so-called Troika, consisting of EU Commission, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund, in close co-operation with the SYRIZA government exercises an austerity policy which has never before been put in practice since the end of the Second World War.

At the same time, NATO is strengthening its policy of military confrontation in and outside Europe by enlarging military presence in Eastern Europe, by an increasing number of military exercises, but also by participation in military confrontations like in Syria, in Iraq and in Afghanistan as well as in several countries on the African continent.

The Communist Party of Luxembourg would like to use this opportunity to express its firm solidarity with the communists and with all progressive forces who are actively fighting against the aggressive economic and military policy of EU and NATO.

What we need today is not only the expression of solidarity. It is absolutely indispensable to search for and to find new ways and methods of co-operation with progressive forces on national as well as on regional and on international level to strengthen our ranks. We have to think over our strategy and tactics and our policy of alliances – in the election

campaigns as well as in our future day-by-day activities. When we want to increase the support of the broad masses for our policy and for our aims, we have to develop and to improve our co-operation with trade unions, youth and women's associations, peace and solidarity groups, and other mass organisations.

In different meetings and conferences over the last decade, representatives of KPL have expressed our opinion that the international and regional co-operation of communist and workers' parties has to be improved. All other political forces – conservatives, social democrats, liberals, greens, the so-called left and even the pirates – have created their international organisations or at least networks. Communists are the only political force that has no international structure.

We have already succeeded to develop a very fruitful co-operation among four parties in our region: the Workers Party of Belgium, the German Communist Party, the New Communist Party of the Netherlands and the Communist Party of Luxembourg. Delegations of the four parties meet frequently to discuss in seminars and in working groups about our policy, to work out and publish common statements and to exchange information and experiences. PTB, DKP, NCPN and KPL do not at all have the same opinion on each and every issue. But we succeeded to develop an atmosphere to speak openly about all questions, to recognise even differences and to share different opinions. The basic principle of our co-operation is that we have the same opinion on all basic political questions, that we base our co-operation on the points that unite us, and that we are not searching for divergences. In our opinion, this could be a good example for a broader co-operation of communist and workers' parties.

With regard to the sharpening international situation, to the growing danger of war, to the growing influence of xenophobia, racism and fascism in national and international policy, with regard to the sharpening attacks of the imperialist forces on social rights, with regard to still growing unemployment, poverty, hunger in the world – the Communist Party of Luxembourg is of the opinion that the common struggle against capitalism is the main task of communist and workers' parties all over the world. All of us have one common political basis: Marxism-Leninism. We may have diverging points of view in separate issues, we may have different opinions on tactical questions, but we have the same strategy: to overcome exploitation of men by men, to lay the basis for the construction of a socialist society.

We think that there is no reason for communists not to be organised on international level – with regard to the fact

that the class enemy is organised very well. The communists of Luxembourg are ready to make their contribution.

PHILLIPINE COMMUNIST PARTY [PKP-1930]

WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION

The Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) salutes the Communist Party, Turkey, for hosting the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties, and sends warmest fraternal greetings to all participants of this historic meeting. 128

Urgent Tasks in the Struggle

Against Imperialist Wars and Fascism

This international meeting is being held while a catastrophic war is being waged by world imperialism just across the border of Turkey, in the bleeding but valiant land of Syria. It is a war where the Syrian Arab Republic and the Syrian people, and notably the communists of Syria, are confronting the imperialist powers led by the USA, the zionists, the imperialist-propped mediaeval and other reactionary regimes in this region (including the present islamist dictatorship in Turkey), and all the terrorist creations of imperialism which seek to divide and conquer Syria.

Syria stands at the forefront of the present struggle, on behalf of the whole of humanity, against imperialism and international reaction which seek to destroy stable societies, killing hundreds of thousands and leaving millions homeless in the process. Syria now faces imperialist aggression and proxy terrorism which are part of the vile plan to reconfigure the whole region into the US-Israeli blueprint for a "New Middle East" that would chop up countries into small warring sectarian and ethnic sub-states.

To keep up the carnage in Syria, Iraq and even in the Lebanon, appeals for peace and political settlement are drowned out by imperialist calls for a "war-on-terror", which in reality is a shadow war that veils the covert military and other support that imperialism continues to extend to its terrorist creations. A clear example of the reactionary desire to prevent the peaceful settlement of conflicts was the October 10 terrorist bombings on the peace manifestation near Ankara's main train station, which killed over 120 and wounded over 300 others.

That demonstration to promote peace with Syria and the Kurdish people of Turkey, held amidst the military offensive by Turkey's Tayyip Erdogan regime on Kurdish areas in Turkey as well as in Syria and Iraq, was turned into a massacre. The whole world condemned and continues to condemn that barbaric attack which can only stem from the policy of Erdogan's islamist AKP ("justice and development party") in supporting the US-backed jihadist terrorism throughout the region.

Terrorism everywhere is a tool of imperialism to cow the people, to frighten them into keeping away from political struggle, from challenging oligarchic rule which is often reinforced by religious obscurantism. The PKP-1930 believes that among the main tasks of communist and workers' parties in today's struggle against war and fascism are the thorough exposure of the aggressive and exploitative nature of the USA's sham "war-on-terror" ; the thorough exposure of the imperialist hand behind terrorism everywhere (now particularly in the Middle East) ; the thorough exposure of the mercenary role of those states and forces which implement and support the US-NATO program to balkanize Syria, Iraq and the Lebanon ; the thorough exposure of the long-range US-Israeli plan for a "New Middle East" ; and the gathering of solidarity and support for the communists, progressives and patriotic peoples who are fighting to defeat the imperialists and their terrorist agents in order to safeguard the unity, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria, Iraq, the Lebanon and other countries which are facing overt and covert imperialist aggression.

It should be stressed that the collaborators of imperialism in the present attempt to divide and conquer Syria, Iraq and the Lebanon are zionist Israel and the archaic mediaeval kingdoms and emirates of the Arab world which perpetuate despotic rule using religious extremism to persecute dissenters (particularly communists), to abuse minorities, and to violate women's rights, workers' rights and human rights in general. Regarding those regimes, there is a need to expose the reactionary pro-imperialist nature of their rule and the obscurantist basis of their religious supremacist claims ; and to support the communist and other democratic forces who struggle for equality and democracy within those countries.

In those countries where fascism and neo-nazism are openly on the rise, as evident from virulent anti-communist campaigns by autocratic and supremacist regimes --- such as in the Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak republics, the Baltic states, and elsewhere --- there is a need to expose the reactionary and revanchist nature of those tyrannical regimes, and to extend solidarity and support for the communists and other progressive peoples which are victims of state suppression or persecution in those countries.

The Continuing Struggle Against

Capitalist Exploitation, and for Socialism

Bourgeois economists and historians have claimed that the cold war dissolution of the USSR and the socialist community over two decades ago marked the final triumph of

capitalism and the supposed "end-of-history". The USA's global hegemony through an unmatched network of foreign military bases and superior fleets deployed almost everywhere, ensured that almost the whole world was an open & secure haven for monopoly capital. However, that past period only saw more imperialist wars of aggression, endless occupations of conquered lands, and the hegemony of the international bourgeoisie over the rest of the world's population.

The former competitive existence of a socialist community forced the developed capitalist countries to maintain certain "social-welfare-state" systems during the post-WW2 period. In some ways, such systems fostered the illusion that capitalism "cares" for the poor. However, the dissolution of the socialist community removed the need for the international bourgeoisie to maintain the so-called "safety nets" for the working masses. The post-Soviet period therefore saw the dismantling of "social-welfare-state" systems in developed capitalist countries, and the unabashed diversion of public resources towards "corporate-welfare", primarily for the strengthening of military-industrial complexes.

The same period saw endless economic crises and depressions, bringing more deprivation and greater uncertainties to the working masses everywhere. That situation naturally led to multifarious struggles of peoples around the globe which were constantly whittling at the strength of imperialism and frustrating its insatiable desire for more resources and super profits. The struggle between the hegemonic capitalist class and the working masses seeking social justice continued unabated, with communist and workers' parties constantly striving to lead the proletariat and other working masses in the struggle against imperialism and capitalism.

In an attempt to marginalize the role of communist and workers' parties in national struggles against imperialism and capitalism, particularly in developed capitalist countries, social democracy was projected in all media as the worthy leader of movements for social change. Social-democratic parties were even goaded to dominate the left ideological landscape, particularly in Europe. In developing countries, the role of competing with communist and workers' parties was also given to ultra-left and even anarchist groups which seek to channel the energies of the youth and the marginalized sectors to adventurist and terrorist forms of struggle which cannot win mass support or endanger the status quo, and which can only be more easily suppressed or manipulated.

Social democracy is accommodation to capitalism, under

the pretense of fighting corporate greed. Social democracy in Europe apparently made its last "anti-capitalist" hurrah with the election in Greece of a swaggering Syriza, which however quickly took on the role of local whip for the IMF, ECB and NATO, as against the Greek people. The shameless but expected collapse of Syriza's "anti-capitalist" posturings demonstrated the futility of finding a solution to the crisis within the bounds of the capitalist system. Only one political force --- the CP of Greece (KKE) --- gives the Greek people a dignified path forward that does not depend on 'bail-outs' and crumbs from the capitalist oligarchy, a path for the overthrow of capitalism and for the building of socialism.

Communist and workers' parties in imperialist and other major capitalist countries are faced with the task of leading the working class in the struggle to overthrow capitalism and to build socialism in their countries. All other communist and workers' parties worldwide are duty-bound to extend every solidarity and support for their fraternal parties which are fighting for the overthrow of capitalism and for the building of socialism.

Imperialism – the Main

Enemy of the Filipino people

The Philippines remains as a neo-colonial capitalist country, with its politico-economic and social orientation outlined by imperialism through the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, Asian Development Bank and other imperialist financial institutions. The "development" strategy set by these institutions for our country --- export-led, agri-based and labor-intensive production --- prevents independent industrialization (and therefore prevents widespread employment generation), ties the national economy to the world market, and emphasizes the need to maintain cheap labor and cheap resources to attract foreign investments.

This strategy is being implemented through economic policies such as the privatization of government-owned and -controlled corporations ; dependence on private capitalist initiatives instead of real economic planning ; import liberalization ; deregulation or the removal of constraints on capitalist profiteering practices ; greater government reliance on foreign borrowings ; and even the encouragement of the "export" of more Filipino workers in order to relieve the pressures of high local unemployment, and to boost foreign currency reserves from overseas workers' remittances.

The role of the Philippine government (including the pres-

ent regime of Pres. Benigno Simeon Aquino III) is reduced to that of an implementor or executor of the economic policies prescribed by imperialist financial institutions. Changes in the ruling regimes in the Philippines only mean changes in personalities acting as caretakers for foreign monopoly capital. And all these personalities only represent different factions of the same class of the local bourgeoisie which are dependent upon, and profits from, collaboration with imperialism.

It is no wonder why foreign monopoly capital controls the importation, processing and distribution of petroleum products ; and why they and their local partners control banking and finance, the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, the distribution of water supply, transportation and telecommunications, mining, and the food, pharmaceutical and other key industries. (However, it may be noted that the wholesale and retail distribution of consumer goods have been taken over by the "taipans" or Chinese-Filipino businessmen who import all items from China, to the detriment of local manufacturers. Taipans also manage extractive industries which cater to China's need for resources.)

The National-Democratic Path

Towards Socialism in the Philippines

Given the prevailing low level and non-integrated nature of local industries, there is not much to be socialized and immediately turned into independent or self-sustaining worker-controlled production enterprises, aside from a few industries run by transnational corporations in the petroleum, cement, export-crop and some other fields. Also, given the unsolved land hunger of the peasants and of the more numerous agricultural workers, the growing number of squatters or "informal settlers" in urban areas, as well as the prevalence of micro-enterprises and informal trades, the immediate socialization of land and small businesses would only meet with resistance on the part of the poor masses that we aim to liberate.

Thus our immediate aim in the Philippines is national democracy --- for national freedom from imperialist control and exploitation, and for a democratic system where there will be a strong public sector which could ensure that the working peoples' rights are safeguarded, and that their basic needs are progressively met. The PKP-1930 maintains that this can only be achieved through the organized strength of the masses themselves, in unity with a national leadership that is aware of the historic need to re-nationalize industries and utilities, and to build a strong public sector, in order to attain economic independence and so-

Our party's main national task is therefore to unite the broad patriotic sectors of our people to struggle for national democracy, and to strengthen the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, without losing sight of the aim of building socialism in the Philippines through the national-democratic path. While capitalism is rooted on the "freedom" of a few to amass private profit to the detriment of the many, the new socialist order --- with social ownership and centralized planning under working-class political power --- will always be centered on human welfare.

The reality of a neocolonial capitalist system --- with high levels of unemployment and under-employment bringing daily misery and tragic living standards to a substantial part of the population ; with the privatization of utilities forcing the great majority of the people to bring more wealth to a very few members of the oligarchy ; with healthcare, education, law-enforcement and the justice system deteriorating ; and with mass media designed to keep the population dreaming of becoming wealthy under the capitalist system which can only perpetuate socioeconomic inequality, injustice and elitism --- all these cannot last for so long. People come to realize that the centralization and concentration of wealth amidst widespread poverty and the absence of social justice, are the very essence of capitalism, and such realization will always raise class consciousness among the working masses, and lead to social polarization.

Our party's tasks of educating, organizing and mobilizing the working masses into political action in defense of society's collective interests will always be geared towards the attainment of national democracy and eventually socialism in the Philippines. This of course will be a struggle to wrest the power, wealth and privilege that the oligarchy and their imperialist masters will never surrender for the sake of the good of society's greater majority.

In this struggle against capitalist exploitation and towards the building of socialist society, the PKP-1930 places utmost importance to continued adherence to Marxism-Leninism, and to communist and working class solidarity under the principle of proletarian internationalism.

Secretariat of the Central Committee, PKP-1930

NEW COMMUNIST PARTY OF YUGOSLAVIA

WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION

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Dear comrades,

First of all, I want to express hearty greetings in the name of New Communist Party of Yugoslavia and thank the host for invitation to the remarkably organized 17th summit of communist and workers parties.

Dear comrades,

We thank you for the invitation to participate in the work of 17th summit of communist and workers parties, which unfortunately we were unable to do. Internacional summit of communist and workers parties has always been very significant forum in which communist and workers parties from around the world could exchange their ideas We're almost 25 years apart from one of the most tragic moments in the history of mankind – the breakup of the first socialist country and Eastern Bloc. There's no doubt that perestroika betrayed Marxism-Leninism, socialist revolution and proletarian internationalism, that perestroika is opportunism and revisionism of the worst kind. However, even today we're unable to perceive all the negative and tragic consequences of these events and to derive concrete lessons for the future from the tragic days of humanity.

The breakup of USSR and the Socialist Bloc in Europe has disoriented many communist parties all over the world. Because of these tragic events the world communist movement has been in serious ideological, organizational and material crisis for almost 3 decades. We are faced with a situation that many of the communist parties have crossed the line of revisionism and opportunism. They abandoned the class struggle and traversed to the road of so-called social dialogue with the ruling class, they substituted workers marches and strikes for cozy ministerial armchairs and offices. However, "Whatever the difficulties and possible temporary failures or the waves of counterrevolution – the final victory of the proletariat is unavoidable". (V. I. Lenin). Lenin wrote : "The class struggle and not my nice wishes is going to determine the character of new Russia", and in this spirit our goal should be our organizational and ideological strengthening and uncompromising struggle.

Dear comrades,

Capitalism is becoming even more aggressive and dangerous at the expense of the peoples and is characterized by the full scale offensive against the working class and people's rights, the crises and imperialist wars.

It is well known that the crisis of capital over-accumulation and overproduction that broke out in a synchronized way in

2008 in many countries expresses the anarchy of capitalist production, its contradictions, the sharpening of the basic contradiction between the social character of production and labor and the capitalist appropriation of their results on the terrain of the power of the monopolies and capitalist ownership of the means of production. The reality reveals that the basis of the crisis is not the one or the other form of bourgeois management. The crisis is not a product of "neo-liberalism", or the "uncontrolled activity of the banks" as the forces of opportunism claim. These claims mislead the peoples, exonerate the capitalist system and its economic laws, foster illusions that there exist pro-people forms for the management of the system and lend support to the social-democratic form of management.

We, undoubtedly, are in the midst of class war. It's nothing unusual. In capitalism there's always a class war going on, "history of the all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles"(C. Marx). Today, the class war is more intense due to the crisis of capitalism – the crisis deep-seated in the excessive accumulation of capital. During this crisis capital has sharpened the class war against the workers class. Austerity measures, cuts, the need for sacrifices – these are the demands of capitalism whilst urging the workers to bear the brunt of its failure. This is the war conducted by capitalist states against the laborers to make them give up on results of its previous struggles' successes.

We are obliged to participate in and decisively support the struggle of the working class, the popular strata, the youth, and to utilize every possibility to coordinate our activity.

Dear comrades,

The imperialist aggressiveness has been intensifying and the inter-imperialist competition has been sharpening during the capitalist crisis.

The monopolies and major business groups are at the core of imperialism which is the highest stage of capitalism (and not just the expression of an aggressive foreign policy). They compete to expand their business activities, to control the markets, the natural resources and the energy pipelines, and this is also expressed at an inter-state level.

This is manifested in old and new flashpoints of tension and war. War is the continuation of politics with other violent means.

Let's look at what's happening today in Europe, especially on Balkans. Refugees from Syria, Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries are running away from wartime events

in these countries induced by western imperialists, among them the European Union. Under international law every state's duty is to accept refugees running away from war, but instead of that some countries terrorize the refugees, make walls and other barriers to prevent their entry. EU, whose mouth is full of "people's rights and democracy", hypocritically refuses to accept the refugees for whose misfortune is its own fault due to its aggressive imperialist acts.

Dear comrades,

The Balkan today is an important experimental region of Europe when it comes to strategies for surviving the crisis of capitalism which was created. In the Balkans today we have hordes of fascists and religious fundamentalists being recruited, whose rampage and terrorism affects in many cases, and creates pressure against powerful working-class (klasis) response to the crisis. In the Balkans today they examine to what extent all the measures can go in the way of political pressure and the conditioning by the European Union, The International Monetary Fund and NATO. Our party is firmly committed to close cooperation and solidarity among the Balkan peoples. The problem of disunity and discord among the Balkan people has been one of the main factors that go into the hands of imperialist domination of our region. We are in favor that all the national issues in the Balkans must be solved only under the anti-imperialist platform, each self-determination under the sponsorship of imperialism is only the option for imperialism and against the interests of the broadest social strata respectively. Therefore, communists of Balkan countries have a special responsibility and commitment in the process of unmasking the imperialist aims behind such projects as "Independence of Kosovo". The existing situation in the Balkans is not a precedent. The Balkans are on record for their long history of bloody imperial "divide et impera" politics. Here is what more than fifty years ago a Serbian social democrat Dimitrije Tucovic had to say about it: "The peoples of the Balkans, taken separately and not united, are systematically targeted by the imperial conquerors in every war. [...] and they shall always be targeted unless they unite. The history has taught us the lesson, more than once unfortunately, that our disunity suits our conquerors' interests, never our own. Grouping and mutuality of countries and peoples in the Balkans is the only road that leads to economic, national and political liberation.

Clearly the government and the entire establishment in Serbia are not just puppets put to power by the European Union and the big powers, to obey and implement the imperial politics. Their own interests are also at stake. These interests are responding to broad strategic and economic

imperial objectives : 1/ Dismantling of national economic and social infrastructure under the plundering privatization program that transferred the most profitable state assets into the hands of foreign big capital; 2/ free-market sponsored regionalization and further dismantling of Serbia.

The conditions created under the cover of attracting foreign investors actually are that of economic occupation and total submission of Serbia, crippling domestic industries, prompting massive job cuts and the replacement of living wage union jobs with jobs in sectors with low pay, minimal benefits and no job security. The European Union sponsored corrupt legal system, having policy of free market plunder as its primary objective, is in all evidence supervising the interests of the capitalists, domestic or foreign mafia.

The catastrophic New Labor Law written by the foreign non-governmental organizations such as USAID in accordance with the IMF that keeps blackmailing Serbia promising new credits, is a flagrant proof that the ruling social-democratic regime has not maintained its electoral promises that helped it win the elections in Serbia.

Despite the more frequent rebellion and protests of workers, of whom more than 30% officially, and actually at least 40% are unemployed, of which nearly 60% of young people are unemployed, the largest trade unions in Serbia have not done and do not do anything in terms of resistance to government measures, and interest of improving the position of the working class and job creation. For example, trade unions are calling for social peace in the name of "higher goals". They call all workers to endure the daily humiliations and layoffs by employers. A significant part of the employees are working illegally, working for 10 or 14 hours a day for a price that is lower than the minimum of the bourgeoisie who are legally committed, and the leaders of the bourgeoisie are talking openly that the working class is lazy, and they should be grateful if they have a job even when they don't receive a salary in a few months. The deep crisis of capitalism affects widely popular classes in our country, education is becoming less accessible, increasing privilege of the rich, living from pension is very hard, fertile land is sold to foreign and domestic tycoons and mafia capitalists, and peasants are converted to serfs, for women everything is unenviable in the field of social welfare and equality on the labor market.

In a country where the acquisition of wealth as the ultimate value of the sight lines are sharp class conflict between the so-called successful and powerful against the poor which are presented as incompetent, helpless and uncreative. Our party leads to persistent struggle to break

down such displays of class relations in our society today, and although it is not parliamentary power and has no ability to use the loud speakers platform from which our party can better reach out to the working class which justified rebellion is constantly gaining momentum. It is necessary to further politicize the bunt in the goal of sustainable class struggle and insistence on non-agreement class requirements otherwise this fight will not lead to a progressive order that will achieve new quality and new conditions of economic and social development. Therefore, in the present state opportunism and revisionism in our movement is especially important topic. Class principles and requirements arising from scientific socialism the working class adopts faster and most complete in terms of the development of modern industry. But in the crisis of capitalism, reduced or completely dead industrial production or the lagging economic relations, the labor movement and the working class generally become more prone to adopt only certain claims which are arising from scientific socialism, just some slogan or strategy of fight, but without being able to decisively break with the traditions of the bourgeois view of the world. It is a breeding ground for some who partially lead the revolutionary struggle which is always in the end counterrevolutionary because in its core it is opportunist, reformist and revisionist. In a weakened position due to the crisis of capitalism some revolutionary parties, and being self-critical and say that our party is one of those, you should not look for inconsistencies or historical obsolescence of political practice, although we are ready to take on any responsibility in full for the same. Also in the modern achievements of other parties of the movement should not necessarily look for the historical relevance of which is linked to the birth of an authentic revolutionary new breakthroughs. There is no success in the struggle for a new world, the new social relations, if it is based on collaboration with imperialism and its bars, the cooperation with exploitative class and its allies, there is no progressive society if we give up class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat, there is no consistency if you give up our in our struggle of revolutionary traditions and symbols of our movement, no solidarity of the working class if it's not based on patriotism and internationalism.

Comrades,

We must overcome present reality with united forces, unified in one unique militant communist movement. With inane declarations and statements we achieve nothing, we need to act progressively, honestly, organized, in the spirit of communism, while paying attention to all the specifics, the past and the present and all the precious lessons from the past.

135 The tasks of the communists are very important and require that organized, e exchange experience from the development of the struggle in each country in a systematic way, that we intensify the efforts to coordinate our activity and to form the basis for the strengthening of the international communist movement.

Social development moves towards a higher level and cannot retreat due to occurrence of the counterrevolution and the overthrow of socialism in the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries.

In today's transition into the last phase of capitalism – imperialism, the inevitable, crucial battle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, it is our task to turn the scales into the favor of proletariat, for the salvation of the mankind.

After the bloody experience the mankind has with capitalism only in XX century, it is obvious that to this destructive system can't possibly be given the responsibility for the fate of humanity. All these facts obligate the communist movement to critically face its history, all of its mistakes, defeats and achievements, and to, on the basis of experience, freed from the burdens of dogmatism, opportunism and revisionism, open the new page of struggle for the liberation of man, which is going to be the compass for all the people and the confirmation that the socialism is possible and achievable.

With the hope that these meetings will continue to contribute to the strengthening of the revolutionary Marxist-Leninist principles in our joint action, as well as the activities of the political parties individually, both large and small, and those that are in power and those in the underground, we continue the fight for the world social justice and progress for world socialism/communism.

Thank you!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF TADJIKISTAN

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Председатель КПТ Шабдолов Ш.Д.

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Уважаемые товарищи!

Глубоко сожалею, что по уважительной причине не смогу участвовать в работе международного совещания коммунистических и рабочих партии в Турции.

Хочу кратко изложить позицию Коммунистической Партии Таджикистана по судьбоносной ситуации в Сирии, где империалистами США и их ближневосточными реакционными нефте-газовыми королями развязана кровопролитная братоубийственная война.

Мы абсолютно убеждены, что сегодня героическая Сирия, без преувеличения, является ближневосточным Сталинградом. Именно здесь империалисты США, натовцы и обильно оплаченные ими террористические организации, тип, ИГИЛ, Ан-Нусра и прочие захлебнулись.

Фашистский «блицкриг» здесь захлебнулся. США и их союзники до сих пор успешно реализовали идею «управляемого хаоса». Теперь ситуация стала «неуправляемым хаосом» от Ливана до Афганистана. Прав был великий испанец Гоя, который писал: «Когда спит разум, просыпается чудовище». Теперь, когда этот проснувшийся чудовище стал смертельной угрозой своим создателям, режимам Саудовской Аравии, Катару, эмиратом персидского залива, все они единым хором начали говорить о мирном решении сирийского кризиса и об участие России решению этой проблемы. Они даже оплачивают многомиллионную армию беженцев в Европу, пытаясь оградить их от пополнения рядов ИГИЛа и других террористических организаций.

Однако, все это является их тактическим ходом. Почему? Дело в том, что империализм США еще не повержен, хотя идет к своему неизбежному и неуклонному историческому закату.

Когда политики самого высокого ранга говорят, что мир уже стал многополярным, они выдают желаемое за действительное.

США до сих пор железной рукой удерживают свои военные базы морского и земного базирования в бассейнах Тихого, Индийского, Атлантического и Северно-ледовитого океанов.

США продолжает удерживать развивающиеся страны и ряд развитых стран на «долларовом поводке»,

используя метод «кнута и пряника». Тот факт, что Китай, Индия, страны Азиатско-Тихоокеанского региона и Южной Америки стали серьёзными конкурентами США в финансово-экономических областях вовсе не означает, что они в военно-стратегическом отношении вместе с Россией не представляют собой новые полюса.

Евросоюз находится в вассальном положении в фарватере интересов США, поэтому не представляет собой новый геополитический полюс.

Таким образом, США не собираются сдавать свои позиции и мирно сойти с геостратегического пьедестала. То, что они позволили России бомбить базы террористов в Сирии является их тактическим ходом.

На решающем этапе исхода войны в Сирии США непременно будут использовать там свои наземные и военно-воздушные силы, чтобы не потерять свои позиции и интересы своих марионеток.

Нельзя обойти вопрос об президенте Башар Асад. Хотя он не является коммунистом, для Сирии он играет такую же весомую роль, какую в свое время сыграл Гамал Абдел Насер для Египта. Он показал себя мужественным, честным, смелым политиком. Он не стал вести закулисные игры США, что в свое время погубило Саддама Хусейна и Каддафи. Поэтому участники совещания должны поддерживать позицию Асада, чтобы он смог участвовать в мирном урегулировании сирийского кризиса. Требование США о досрочном смещении Асада совершенно не приемлемо.

По вопросу о Рабочей группе международного совещания. Мы предлагаем, чтобы от КПСС в состав Рабочей группы были включены РКРП (тов. Тюлькин В.А.) и КПА (тов. Нуруллаев Т).

Желаем больших успехов участникам совещания.

Председатель Компартии Таджикистана, секретарь ЦК КПСС Ш.Шабдолов, Москва, 29.10.201

COMMUNIST PARTY OF USA

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to the people of Turkey generally and to our Turkish comrades specifically for the losses suffered at the hands of reactionary forces in your country. We collectively grieve for your loss. The cowardly suicide bombing of the Ankara peace rally illustrates the depths of barbarity to which right-wing forces will go to attempt to stifle the voice of the people. The AKP, president Erdogan, Prime Minister Davutoglu and their ultra-nationalist, possibly fascist proxies, evidently bear responsibility for this assault. Their goal is clearly the suppression of democracy, intimidation of the Turkish people, continued war with the Kurdish people and isolation of Turkish communists and their allies in the labor and people's movement. 138

However, we have faith that unity can defeat reaction. AKP attempts to suppress and intimidate can easily be seen as acts of desperation by an illegitimate government struggling to maintain power. Fortunately, this desperation can give birth to its antithesis. We express our solidarity and best wishes for a new democratic upsurge in Turkey.

My remarks will focus on four overlapping, interconnected items that are central components to the struggle against reaction in the United States. First and foremost, I will briefly touch on the upcoming 2016 U.S. presidential elections; second, the ongoing and emerging challenge to racism, exemplified by #BlackLivesMatter; third, the 'Fight For \$15' and a union, led by fast food workers and their allies; and forth, a few thoughts regarding the international situation. While these items undoubtedly overlap, I have separated them in an attempt to focus on specific nuances. I hope this adds clarity.

The 2016 U.S. presidential elections

The importance of the 2016 U.S. presidential elections cannot be exaggerated.

Americans are increasingly upset about the growing economic inequality in our country. The Occupy Wall Street slogan of the 1 percent versus the 99 percent has taken root in public awareness of the mounting and glaring inequities of our current system. Continuing economic insecurity, declining standards of living, hemorrhaging of jobs, persistent structural racism evidenced in a variety of toxic forms, environmental degradation and insecurity, austerity cuts in essential public services, crises in education - these and more weigh heavily on the 99 percent of Americans who make up our working class.

A powerful extreme right has emerged in our country over three decades beginning with the Reagan and even Nixon

years. With the 2008 election of President Barack Obama, a liberal (the word used in U.S. political discourse for someone who is to the left of the political center but not a socialist) who is the nation's first African American president, this extreme right went into overdrive. Having achieved domination of the Republican Party, the far-right now controls both houses of Congress and many state governments, and has a big presence - often forming the majority - in our nation's highest court, the Supreme Court. These elements, very well financed by the most right-wing sectors in our ruling circles, such as the oil industry, are viciously racist, militarist, anti-union, hostile to environmental protection, women, immigrants, sex and gender equality, and public services. Their foreign policy is aggressive, shoot-first, racist. They are a danger to the world and to our own population, and are an obstacle to any social progress in our country. Having captured significant position of power, they have forced progressive movements into a defensive posture, fighting just to protect or even re-win past gains. Now they are intent on recapturing the White House, putting them in virtually total control.

We consider the defeat of the far-right Republicans an essential first step in the struggle for a people's agenda and ultimately socialism. The race for the next presidency has already begun. In our two-party system, the race is between two parties, Republican and Democratic.

On the one hand, we have the Republican Party, now dominated by rabid, hate-filled, racist, anti-worker, anti-immigrant, anti-women, anti-environment, anti-LGBT, anti-people, pro-corporate profit warmongers, exemplified by the billionaire Donald Trump. Domestically and internationally, this group of reactionaries are unanimous. They want anti-immigrant border walls built, unions broken and women's rights smashed. They want to pursue provocative policies that have clearly failed in Iran, Syria, Cuba and elsewhere. They want aggressive militaristic actions in Eastern Europe against Russia. They are racist, sexist, homophobic and anti-Muslim. With strong backing from Big Oil, they deny the reality of the emerging climate crisis. And their only loyalty is corporate profits.

Aided by a recent decision of the right-dominated U.S. Supreme Court - 'Citizens United' - this group of millionaires and billionaires have unlimited financial resources at their disposal. Make no mistake about it, the Republican presidential candidates work at the behest of unrestricted aggressive capitalism and imperialism.

They represent the most reactionary, militaristic section of the U.S. ruling class.

On the other side in our two-party system are a range of Democratic Party candidates who take a generally pro-worker, pro-women's rights, pro-immigrant, anti-racist, pro-environment, less militarist stance. They include Hillary Clinton, the frontrunner, a defender of capitalism who believes it must be curbed and regulated to be more people-friendly. She has stood up to vicious attacks from the ultra-right. If elected, she would break new ground as the first woman president of the U.S. They also include Bernie Sanders, an independent senator from Vermont who is a self-avowed socialist and calls for a "political revolution." Even if he does not win the Democratic nomination, his grassroots campaign has attracted enormous excitement and very importantly has brought discussion of socialism out of the shadows and back into the political mainstream.

Opposing the Republicans, Clinton and similar Democrats represent a more reality-based, sober section of the U.S. ruling class, which sees a need for alliance with the working class on a range of issues. Sanders represents an emerging progressive/left/working and middle class section of American politics, which sees the Democratic Party as the best vehicle for electoral battles at this time in our two-party system. Together, they reflect a shift in public opinion and growing mass demand to seriously address mounting income inequality, persistent racism, the crisis of climate change, immigrant rights, stop attacks on women's rights, defend and expand voting rights and access, advance equality for LGBT Americans.

It must be said that foreign policy is not playing a big role in the presidential campaign so far. Americans typically are mainly focused on their pressing domestic concerns. However, foreign policy differences are significant, as we saw with the disastrous consequences of Bush winning the White House in 2000. The Democrats have a range of views, and there are many serious problems there which I will discuss below, but on the whole they place greater reliance on diplomacy and less on reckless military adventurism than the ultra-militaristic Republicans.

The presidential campaign thus reflects divisions within U.S. ruling circles, divisions that must be utilized as we work to expand democracy and curb corporate power.

It is in this larger context - the essential struggle to defeat racist, militarist reaction - that we implement our long-term strategic policy of helping to build and working with the broad-based people's movement, led by labor and the African American community, to defeat the ultra-right as a necessary step in building a transformative movement for socialism. Our immediate task is to help defeat these most reactionary segments of U.S. capitalism, both to pro-

tect the planet and our own people, and to make it possible for the people's movement to advance to the next stage of struggle.

Challenging racism

Last year's police killing of the African American teenager Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Missouri, sparked a nationwide movement that is today challenging systemic racism at its core. The justifiable outrage and protests that erupted after the killing were met with a level of police misconduct and violence reminiscent of another era. The use of smoke bombs, tear gas, percussion grenades, rubber bullets and armored vehicles against the residents of Ferguson – mostly youth – served to illustrate the systemic, racist nature of the use of police force. Further, it sparked a national debate on the collective criminalization of people of color and the military-like occupation of their communities. Since last fall other police killings have been highlighted. This has given birth to the #BlackLivesMatter movement, which has succeeded in calling attention to systemic racism in our society and the need to make fundamental changes

This movement has highlighted the interconnected struggles and systematic disparities inherent in racism in the United States regarding health, education, employment and criminal justice. Social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc., have played a key role in the emergence of this challenge to racism. Like the Occupy Wall Street movement, #BlackLivesMatter is largely a spontaneous, organic outburst of organizing and community engagement led by youth with the potential to re-frame our national priorities.

For us, the fight against racism is a cornerstone of the movement for peace, jobs, democracy and socialism. #BlackLivesMatter is playing an important role in this regard. While there are some weaknesses that can and should be addressed, overall the emergence of this new challenge to racism is a step in the right direction.

It also highlights the importance of social media in the people's movements, and the need for communist and workers parties to engage in these new media and other online forms yet to come.

Fight for \$15 and a union

Over the past three years, fast food workers across the United States have been striking McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and other fast food chains demanding livable wages and union rights - their slogan is '\$15 [an hour] and a union.' These low-wage highly exploited workers have in many ways rejuvenated the entire labor movement and

brought the issue of poverty wages to a mass audience. And they are winning real victories.

This new working class movement has easily connected with the new #BlackLivesMatter movement to highlight racist wage disparities imposed upon people of color. It is a struggle against racism, sexism and for reclaiming surplus value, as fast food company profits are directly related to poverty wages, especially among women and people of color. More and more Americans are beginning to see a direct link between low wages and multi-billion-dollar corporate profits. The fight for '\$15 and a union' has branched out into other low-wage service sector jobs like bank tellers, department store clerks, adjunct professors, etc., and has connected with international allies, thereby providing a modern twist on Karl Marx's old saying, 'Workers of the world unite!'

Tellingly, the Obama administration and Sanders and Clinton have all called for a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, while all of the Republican candidates oppose increasing the minimum wage - and some Republicans oppose having a minimum wage, period.

Internationalism

First, the emerging climate crisis is a global, working class issue, a fundamental issue, which all communist and workers' parties must embrace. It is already affecting economic and social problems and movements throughout the world, including wars and migration. Curbing and mitigating climate change requires a shift in economic priorities, trillions in green infrastructure investments and the creation of millions of green jobs. It must be an essential component of the new socialist societies we seek to build, and the movements we lead and help to advance. The U.S.-China joint statement on climate change is well-timed and sets the stage for even further progress at the important upcoming United Nations climate change conference to be held in Paris in December. This is especially significant as the United States and China are the largest emitters of greenhouse gases in the world. We urge the international communist and workers parties to take up this issue seriously and incorporate it into our thinking, discussions and actions.

Comrades, we celebrate a number of positive developments on the international scene that involve the U.S..

The Obama administration made a bold and historic move in opening up relations with socialist Cuba – ending 50 years of a failed and inhumane Cold War policy. This is an illustration of divisions with U.S. ruling circles - some sections of U.S. capital pressed for this change, while others

- the more reactionary sectors - fought and continue to fight it bitterly. All of the current Republican presidential candidates have vowed to reverse even modest overtures towards the normalizing of relations with Cuba. We will work with other democratic and progressive forces in our country to make sure that this remarkable breakthrough is safeguarded and built upon, including finally ending the economic embargo that hurts both Cubans and Americans.

The historic meeting between President Obama and the Communist Party of Vietnam general secretary Nguyen Phu Trong at the Oval Office could very well be seen as a milestone in US-Vietnamese relations. While the meeting resulted in only modest progress, and as right-wing Republicans criticized the administration, the Vietnamese and American people undoubtedly want to see more trade, investment and dialog between our two nations.

The Obama administration's participation in the landmark nuclear agreement with Iran will ease tensions and increase opportunities for resolving a number of dangerous crises in the greater Middle East and beyond. It will also make life better for the Iranian people and remove an excuse for Iran's theocratic despots to continue their lock on power. It has dealt another defeat to Republican warhawks eager to boost military spending and embark on yet another devastating and deadly misadventure in the region. Needless to say, Obama has been harshly attacked by these reactionaries in the U.S. as well as those in Israel who seek to fan war flames to protect their illegal occupation of Palestinian land.

These positive developments illustrate the vastly different foreign policy political outlooks of an Obama, a Clinton or a Sanders - despite various shortcomings - compared with the ignorant reckless knee-jerk militarism of the Republican presidential candidates. That puts the 2016 U.S. presidential elections into an international context.

On the other hand, the United States bears a big responsibility for the current catastrophic civil war in Syria, the continuing tragedies ravaging Iraq, and the emergence of the so-called Islamic State (daesh), as well as the staggering migrant and humanitarian crisis affecting Syria, Iraq, Turkey, and Europe. The Obama administration has been pulled in two directions, sometimes resisting calls from the right for aggressive military intervention, other times pursuing such harmful policies. Just this week it appears the administration will unilaterally send in more troops to Syria. At the same time it fails to do what is necessary to resolve the Syria crisis and defeat the Islamic State: namely, cooperate with Russia and forge a truly multinational diplomatic settlement.

We oppose U.S. armed intervention in the region. A collective strategy of stabilization and reconstruction is needed. We condemn the actions of the Islamic State and other reactionary terrorist groups. However, as in Afghanistan, the United States is the primary culprit in destabilizing the region, fanning sectarianism and aiding reaction in the form of the Saudi clique and the Israeli far-right, and creating the power vacuum that has led to the emergence of fundamentalist groups like the Islamic State. Therefore a heavy burden falls on the U.S. to provide material relief, fund emergency refugee shelters and work towards a unified settlement that incorporates all democratic-minded people. Our starting point for engagement on these issues is the 2016 elections, as mentioned above.

The ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict shows no end in sight, with a reckless far-right dominated Israel determined to maintain its illegal occupation of Palestinian land and its inhumane racist policies toward Palestinian people and other minorities including citizens of Israel. In fact the Israeli right has moved toward creating a theocratic state not unlike that of the Iranian ayatollahs it claims to abhor. Even Israeli Jews are increasingly rejecting this kind of racist militarist oppression. In the U.S., support for the far-right Israeli regime is based primarily in a small sector of the Jewish American community and the Christian far-right that plays a big role in the Republican Party. American Jews have become increasingly disturbed by the racist and provocative policies of the Netanyahu government, in flagrant violation of international law, and his outrageous intervention into American domestic politics with the help of Republican leaders. The Obama administration has incurred the wrath of Netanyahu by opposing some of his extreme policies. However, clearly the U.S. needs to do much more. It supplies the Israeli government with several billions of dollars each year and untold military assistance. Those are powerful levers that need to be applied to compel Israel to halt its illegal settlement expansion, end its illegal occupation and cooperate in the establishment of a viable Palestinian state.

The leftward trend in Central and South America continues to play an important role in global and hemispheric developments and to inspire activists in the U.S. From Venezuela, to Brazil, to Ecuador, Bolivia, and elsewhere, progressive, leftists, socialists and communists are playing a leading role in governing through left and progressive coalitions. This leftward trend is a direct challenge to U.S. capitalist hegemony and continued transnational corporate exploitation, lowering of living standards and destruction of the environment through trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership. This leftward trend is under attack from elements within the U.S., however. We along with other demo-

cratic-minded and progressive Americans are insisting that such attacks cease and that the U.S. accept a new balance of forces in the region in which the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean determine their societies and futures without interference or domination from their neighbor to the north. This is an ongoing struggle.

We also oppose the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership in Europe and stand with our European comrades in battling against it. Trade deals like the TPP and the TTIP weaken workers' rights, destroy unions, strangle living standards and stifle democracy, while boosting corporate profits.

We are also opposed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and deplore its expansion into Eastern Europe, as well as the support of the NATO powers, including the United States, for interference in Ukraine, which has resulted in civil war, the repression of our fraternal Communist Party and a resurgence of full-blown fascist tendencies.

Other dangerous developments include U.S. moves to remilitarize Japan as part of its "pivot to Asia" directed largely at confronting China, and U.S. expansion of its military role in Africa through Africom (U.S. African Command). Along with the people of those areas, we have a primary responsibility to mobilize opposition to these harmful militarist ventures, and will continue to do so.

Conclusion

We face a monumental crisis, as global capitalism has now – for the first time in human history – usurped powers it cannot possibly control with its reckless exploitation of the planet's resources – most notably fossil fuels – to power its profit drive. The destruction of our environment, and ultimately, the destruction of life on Earth is a very real possibility if the impending climate crisis is not averted. Socialism in our lifetimes is not only possible, it is an absolute imperative – if we are to survive. For only socialism can put into place the democratic policies and practices capable of securing our collective future, a sustainable future. A future free of human exploitation and environmental degradation. A future that puts people and nature before profits!

The CPUSA and our sister publication the People's World are both eager to work with comrades and fraternal parties to accomplish the most rewarding of all tasks – the winning of socialism! In solidarity!



COMMON & CONVERGENT ACTIONS GUIDELINES

The 17th IMCWP calls on the Communist and Workers parties to develop common and convergent actions on the following basic axes:

- International solidarity and support for the working class struggles for the labor, social, trade union, democratic rights of the workers.
- Activity against anti-communism, anti-communist attacks, bans and persecution like in Ukraine. Solidarity with persecuted communists and parties.
- For the defense of democratic liberties and rights. Against fascism, neo-Nazism, racism, militarism.
- Stand in defense of the rights of migrants, people who experience discrimination, minorities and against gender discrimination.
- Activity against NATO, nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and the foreign military bases. Initiatives against the NATO summit on 8-9 of July 2016 in Poland.
- Struggle against the destruction of environment.
- Solidarity with the Palestinian people and the Syrian people and all the Arab peoples facing imperialist threats, interventions, Israeli aggression and occupation, with the victims of imperialist wars, refugees and immigrants.
- For the end to the US blockade of Cuba and the abolition of the EU's common position.
- Solidarity with Venezuela and all Latin American people who are struggling against imperialism, oppression and injustice.
- Solidarity with forces all over the world that have a progressive and anti-imperialist stand for the will of the oppressed and working people.

PRESS RELEASE BY COMMUNIST PARTY, TURKEY

The 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties has been successfully held in Istanbul on the topic "The tasks of Communist and Workers' Parties to strengthen the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation, imperialist wars and fascism, for workers' and peoples' emancipation, for socialism".

The meeting was attended by 104 delegates, representing 58 communist and workers' parties from 48 countries. 6 parties could not attend the meeting against their wishes but sent their greetings and written contributions.

After the extraordinary meeting in Damascus and the 14th meeting in Beirut, it was the third of IMCWP meetings held in a Middle East country, Asia Minor being the junction point of unique spheres of political class struggle. The meeting took place during the heydays of the parliamentary elections in Turkey, in which the hosting Communist Party, Turkey took part, under the intense oppression of the government,.

The meeting provided an opportunity for an exchange of opinions and information on the latest developments of imperialist restructuring, escalation of fascist movements in different regions and the quest for emancipation opening up opportunities for a vigorous working class struggle. The perspective to develop joint and convergent action was shared.

The parties that attended the meeting gave information on their activities and the progress of communist movement in their countries. The speakers expressed their concern towards the escalating prohibitions, persecutions and discrimination against Communist Parties, Communists.

The responsibility of the communist and workers' parties to strengthen the working class struggle in regions under imperialist threat and intervention was underlined. Likewise stressed was the concern about rivalries among capitalist powers, aggravated by their regional collaborators. The dangers posed by militarization and the concern to fortify anti-imperialism in such regions of competition was expressed.

The refugee crisis came to the agenda and the need for

promoting not only internationalist solidarity but also class consciousness against discrimination policies and abortive patronage policies was pointed out.

Due to the restructuring of capitalism exhausted by crisis and the restoration of imperialism in regions of vacuum, the meeting drew attention to the rise of erroneous expectations of reforming the capitalist order in favour of people's and of establishing peace under the patronage of imperialism.

The timeliness and urgent necessity for promoting socialism was resolved as the sole answer for the quest of peoples against barbarism and impoverishment. There was a confirmation on breaking away from the hegemonic capitalist *modus vivendi*.

The particular importance of orienting patriotic resistances against military aggression and popular struggles against austerity measures towards a class confrontation was pointed out. This was reiterated with the emphasis to mobilize the working class in order to lead these struggles towards socialism.

Coordinating communist and workers' parties' struggles on all these issues in order to stir up the class movement on a revolutionary basis was highlighted.

Participants saluted the struggle of the peoples in Latin America and the central role of communists in these struggles for independence and socialism strengthening the anti-imperialist and progressive forces of the region. The solidarity with Cuba and its socialist revolution, as well as with the Venezuelan people and their Bolivarian revolution was reasserted.

The meeting assessed the struggle of the European peoples against their governments' imperialist policies and domestic exploitation of workers and enslavement of migrants. The determination of the working class in Greece to reject subordination to the blackmail of EU, ECB, IMF including the rejection of negotiations with the Troika was valued. The election results in Greece and Portugal for the communists were hailed, qualified as hopeful and encouraging.

The consequences of intercontinental confrontations and alliances between imperialist centers were dealt by the participants. NATO's intention to open new military bases in Hungary and Slovakia and Russia's interventionist policy towards Syria, beside the confrontation in Ukraine, emerge as a change in power balances, both paving the way for a reinforced anti-imperialist struggle and also increasing the precision of communists to keep independent from mainstream power politics. Fascist paramilitary forces are deliberately backed by liberal governments, shifting the context of struggle to identity politics and stimulating the dilemma of cosmopolitanism and nationalism which pushes back the internationalist stance of the working class. On the other hand, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, which will provide a basis for a new wave of attacks on the working classes, was called to attention and taken as an agenda of struggle for the forthcoming period.

The dual threat in the Middle East and North Africa caused by the jihadists and the Israeli state was confirmed, both corresponding to a de facto coalition against secular and patriotic forces. Not only ISIS but also other Islamic reactionary groups, notably the components of the FSA in Syria, have a counter-revolutionary character and their role in legitimizing military interventions has to be deciphered. The Gulf states' support for these jihadist groups and Saudi Arabia's assault in Yemen was vigorously condemned as well as the threat posed by the Israeli state towards Syria. More revolting is the increasing attacks of Israel to the Palestinian people, bombing residential areas, carrying out arrests. The meeting declared its solidarity with the people resisting these attacks, particularly in Palestine and in Syria, calling for an uncompromising struggle against imperialism and fundamentalism.

The growing need to strengthen the ideological struggle against the infiltration of bourgeois ideology within the ranks of communist movement had been stressed in the previous communist and workers' parties' meetings. The current meeting updated the facts and warnings. The artificial revival of social democracy nourished by populism, narrowing the opposition to neo-liberal policies, obsolete dictatorships and military aggression sets a trap for the communist movement rendering the class struggle blind against the real sources of these attacks. While it is imperative to challenge all efforts to criminalize communists and condemn their historical legitimacy, there is a further need to demarcate the revolutionary and class based line of the communist and workers' parties from the conformist and opportunist tendencies within heterogeneous opposition movements focused on mutant aspects of contemporary capitalism.

During the three-day meeting, the participant parties had the opportunity to develop their bilateral relations, to contact other parties and to exchange views.

We believe that the international meeting contributed to the consolidation of the communist and workers' parties' policies in triggering the working class movement in each country and will initiate their common action against imperialism, fascism by raising up socialism as the concrete solution for emancipation.

The meeting's issues of action were adopted by the parties as guidelines to be implemented, materialised and to be monitored by the Working Group until the 18th IMCWP meeting.

Istanbul, November 2nd, 2015

SOLIDARITY MOTION ON THE BAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KAZAKHSTAN

The participants of the 17th IMCWP in Istanbul express their resolute protest against the ban on the Communist Party of Kazakhstan. The court decision that leads to dissolution of the oldest political party in the republic which is also the last officially registered oppositional party there, is explained by formal reasons. The party allegedly doesn't have enough members to correspond the requirements of the local law, though the real goal of the authorities is to destroy any form of resistance to the activities of the government aimed at further enslavement of working people of Kazakhstan.

The participants of the meeting are of the opinion that the intention of bourgeois authorities of Kazakhstan to ban the Communist Party is a result of the politics by the former member of CPSU CC Politburo Nazarbaev that he has pursued over many years, these politics aimed at destruction of organizations with communist ideology in Kazakhstan.

The ban on the Communist Party of Kazakhstan took place on the eve of extraordinary elections to the lower chamber of Parliament. Now these will be satellite parties only that take part in the elections, the parties that totally approve of the market reforms, privatization and the destruction of the social system. By this move the authorities and the big bourgeoisie make it impossible for communists and working people's representatives to take part in the elections and to defend their rights.

In the past the work of CPK was suspended by court decisions on a number of times. For example the activities of the party were suspended before the parliamentary elections of 2011 because CPK had supported the lengthy strike of oil industry workers in Zhanaozen, whereas the participants of that strike had been shot down on 16.12. and their leaders arrested. The participants of the meeting believe that the attempts to destroy Communist Party of Kazakhstan represent the appearance of dictatorship and the suppression of the citizens' political right to establish parties. Apart from CPK there have been banned all oppositional parties, unions and independent media whereas many popular Internet sites are blocked.

The ban on CPK coincides with taking into effect the new anti-workers law "On Trade Unions". As the result of this law by court decisions there will be closed more than 600 independent Trade Unions. Many of the unions have either

lost their legal status or were denied official registration. Strikes and peaceful meetings are forbidden and Kazakhstan, whereas their participants will be prosecuted in accordance with the new Criminal Code and could be sentenced to lengthy imprisonment terms.

Simultaneously with the ban Parliament of Kazakhstan adopts a new Labour Code. This Code that has never been discussed with either working people or Trade Unions deprives workers of all their rights. All this means that the ban on CPK is directly tied to the deepening social-economic crisis, cuts of salaries and working places, new anti-social reforms by the government and the general decline in living standards there. Working people are denied the right to have their political representation and the access to legal forms of struggle against anti-social measures of the government and the arbitrariness of employers.

The participants of the meeting find it essential to take part in international campaign of solidarity with Communist Party of Kazakhstan's struggles.

The participants of the meeting demand that the government of Kazakhstan should cancel the ban imposed on the oldest Communist Party of Kazakhstan as well as all the discriminatory measures aimed at denying working people the right to unite themselves in Trade Unions, political parties, to carry out meetings and strikes.

Istanbul, 1 November 2015

The statement is signed by the following Parties:

Participant Parties

Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism
Communist Party of Azerbaijan
Communist Party of Greece
Unified Communist Party of Georgia
Communist Party of Malta
Russian Communist Workers' Party
Communist Party of Soviet Union
Union of Communists in Ukraine

Other SolidNet Parties

Phillipine Communist Party [PKP-1930]

We, the Communist and Workers Parties note the sharpening of the imperialist aggressiveness, the competition and confrontations between international and regional capitalist powers in the region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

We have seen innumerable victims of imperialist interventions and wars from 2003, with the imperialist invasion of Iraq and the NATO summit of 2004 in Istanbul which decided to implement the plan for the "New Middle East", to the present day. Thousands of dead and wounded, millions of refugees and immigrants who were forced to abandon their homes. The dangers of a wider conflagration have multiplied due to the imperialist intervention in Syria.

After the intervention of the USA, EU, Turkey, the Gulf monarchies, which escalated in the name of confronting the "Islamic State", whose formation they had previously supported in many ways, as well as the intensification of Israeli aggression, there followed the military intervention of Russia. At the same time the military machine of NATO is being strengthened in the Mediterranean.

It is apparent that there is a sharpening of the competition over the control of the hydrocarbons, their transport routes, the market shares, with the peoples of the region as its victims.

We, the Communist and Workers Parties, denounce the imperialist aggressiveness. We oppose the participation of the governments of our countries in the imperialist plans in the region, any provision of facilities to NATO and the EU, any use of our countries as launching pads for the imperialists. We demand the withdrawal of all foreign military bases and the abolition of every military cooperation agreement with Israel which continues the occupation and the attacks against the Palestinian people.

We demand that immediate relief measures are taken for the refugees and immigrants. We express our solidarity with the Palestinian and Syrian peoples, the peoples of the region, especially those who are fighting against foreign military interventions and occupations.

We intensify our efforts to strengthen the internationalist

solidarity of the workers of our countries, because only their common struggle against capital and capitalism can put an end to the exploitation of man by man and imperialist barbarity.

The statement is signed by the following Parties:

Participant Parties

Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism
Communist Party of Azerbaijan
Worker's Party of Bangladesh
Brazilian Communist Party
Communist Party of Canada
AKEL, Cyprus
Communist Party in Denmark
Communist Party of Denmark
German Communist Party
Communist Party of Greece
Hungarian Workers Party
Communist Party of India
Communist Party of India (Marxist)
Tudeh Party, Iran
Communist Party of Kurdistan-Iraq
Iraqi Communist Party
Workers' Party of Ireland
Communist Party of Israel
Lebanese Communist Party
Communist Party of Mexico
Palestinian Communist Party
Palestinian People's Party
Communist Party of the Russian Federation
Russian Communist Workers' Party
Communist Party of the Soviet Union
Communists of Serbia
Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain
Communist Party of Sri Lanka
Sudanese Communist Party
Communist Party, Turkey
Communist Party of Vietnam

Other SolidNet Parties

Phillipine Communist Party [PKP-1930]

SUPPORT FOR BOYCOTTS, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

Co-sponsored by the Communist Party of Britain, Communist Party of Canada, Communist Party of Ireland, Lebanese Communist Party, and the South African Communist Party.

We the undersigned parties attending the 17th Meeting of Communist & Workers' Parties (Istanbul, October 30 - November 1, 2015) agree to support and actively promote the international movement for boycotts, disinvestment and sanctions against Israel until such time as it ceases its violations of the basic human rights of the Palestinian people.

Palestinians have suffered for generations in camps and Israeli prisons, facing torture and death, and Israeli bombings of their schools and homes. Today they are being walled off from the water in their deep aquifers, from access to Jerusalem, from fishing and farming. Gaza is treated as a prison by the Israelis and the rest of Palestine is colonized, and partitioned into townships.

This campaign - which includes consumer boycotts of Israeli goods and services, divestment, and economic sanctions against Israel - is a non-violent form of political action that has had effect in the past (for example against Apartheid South Africa) and is beginning to show its effect on the Israeli economy.

The naming of an Israeli Cabinet Minister to an anti-BDS portfolio indicates that the Zionist Netanyahu government is fearful that this movement will grow. The active involvement of our parties in this campaign can contribute to international coordination and help build the broad front in solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggles for justice and self-determination.

List of Endorsing IMCWP Parties

Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism
 Communist Party of Argentina
 Communist Party of Azerbaijan
 Workers' Party of Bangladesh
 Brazilian Communist Party
 Communist Party of Brazil
 Communist Party of Britain
 Communist Party of Canada
 Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia
 Communist Party of Cuba
 Communist Party in Denmark
 Communist Party of Denmark
 Communist Party of Finland

French Communist Party
 Communist Party of Macedonia
 Unified Communist Party of Georgia
 Hungarian Workers' Party
 Communist Party of India
 Communist Party of India (Marxist)
 Tudeh Party of Iran
 Iraqi Communist Party
 Communist Party of Kurdistan-Iraq
 Workers' Party of Ireland
 Communist Party of Kazakhstan
 Lebanese Communist Party
 Socialist Peoples' Front (Lithuania)
 Communist Party of Malta
 Communist Party of Mexico
 Communist Party of Norway
 Palestinian Communist Party
 Communist Party of the Russian Federation
 Russian Communist Workers' Party
 Communist Party of the Soviet Union
 Communists of Serbia
 South African Communist Party
 Communist Party of Spain
 Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain
 Communist Party of Sri Lanka
 Sudanese Communist Party
 Communist Party of Sweden
 Syrian Communist Party
 Communist Party, Turkey

Other SolidNet Parties

Phillipine Communist Party [PKP-1930]

We the undersigned, Communist and Workers' parties attending the 17th IMCWP in Istanbul, note with concern the recent escalation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), brought about by the rejectionist policies of the Israeli government, which aims to deepen the occupation, expand the settlements, and create facts on the ground in order to undermine a possible implementation of UN resolutions.

The Israeli right-wing extremist government may claim to be "in support of a two states solution", but it is in fact its staunchest enemy. Under the auspices of US imperialism, Israel is continuing to drive Palestinians away from their homes, confiscate lands in order to build new settlements and expand the existing ones, tighten the economic grip over the OPT so as to place obstacles before the development of an independent Palestinian economy, and spread lies and disinformation about its daily violation of human rights.

We express our full support and solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people for national sovereignty, for an independent and viable state – in accordance to UN resolutions, international law, and the right of nations to self-determination. The Palestinian people – through its sole legitimate representative – the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) – is struggling for attainment of basic rights, and deserve the solidarity of all democratic forces;

We send our regards to the struggle of the peace and progressive forces within Israeli society, who fight for an implementation of a peaceful solution which would serve the true national interests of both peoples. We call for the release of those Israeli conscientious objectors who are jailed because of their refusal to serve in the army of occupation;

We call for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, alongside the State of Israel, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and with the June 4th 1967 borders ("The Green Line") as the internationally-recognized border of peace; We demand the evacuation of all Israeli settlements in the OPT and for dismantling the Separation Wall; We urge the release of all Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails; We stand for a just solution of the problem of Palestinian refugees according to UN resolution 194 and to other UN resolutions; We call for Israeli withdrawal from the Occupied Arab-Syrian Golan Heights and from the Shebaa Farms in South Lebanon.

We call for the recognition of the State of Palestine as full

member of the United Nations and will urge the Governments of our respective countries to recognise the State of Palestine.

Let us all use the 29th of November, Day of International Solidarity with the Palestinian People, to mobilise and demand the End of the Israeli Occupation Now!

The following Parties undersign the Statement:

Participant Parties

Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism
 Communist Party of Argentina
 Workers' Party of Bangladesh
 Workers' Party of Belgium
 Brazilian Communist Party
 Communist Party of Brazil
 Communist Party of Britain
 Communist Party of Bulgaria
 Communist Party of Canada
 Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia
 Communist Party of Cuba
 AKEL, Cyprus
 Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia
 Communist Party in Denmark
 Communist Party of Finland
 French Communist Party
 Unified Communist Party of Georgia
 German Communist Party
 Communist Party of Greece
 Hungarian Workers' Party
 Communist Part of India
 Communist Party of India (M)
 Party TUDEH of Iran
 Iraqi Communist Party
 Communist Party of Kurdistan-Iraq
 Communist Party of Ireland
 Workers' Party of Ireland
 Communist Party of Israel
 Communist Party of Kazakhstan
 Communist Party of Malta
 Communist Party of Mexico
 Communist Party of Norway
 Palestinian People's Party
 Palestinian Communist Party
 Portuguese Communist Party
 Russian Communist Workers Party
 Communist Party of the Russian Federation
 Communists of Serbia
 South African Communist Party

Communist Party of Spain
Communist Party of Sri Lanka
Sudanese Communist Party
Communist Party of Sweden
Syrian Communist Party
Communist Party, Turkey
Communist Party of Vietnam

Other SolidNet Parties

Communist Party of Luxembourg
Phillipine Communist Party [PKP-1930]

Syria has been attacked by an alliance led by the US imperialism and its collaborators, made up of the most reactionary regimes in the Middle East. It is not possible to claim that the ongoing conflict since 2011 is a civil war. Most of the aggressors were mercenaries and Islamist gangs from all over the World, armed, funded and supported by Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Millions of Syrian citizens were forced to leave their homeland facing severe death. Countless assassinations and massacres took place in the country. Chemical weapons and the most brutal methods of murder were used. Several cities fell under the rule of a barbaric regime where the most basic human values were trampled on. Arms and ammunition were transferred into Syria from neighbouring countries. Its borders and sovereignty rights were violated continuously. Its factories were plundered; its farms and crops were usurped. Its petrol was taken out and illegally supplied to the World market by the occupying gangs.

The excuse of the aggressions was fabricated out of the existing domestic problems of the country. Once again, the West attempted to play the role of the guard and savior of democracy and human rights. Yet, it is only the Syrian people who have the right to decide how and by whom the country will be governed.

The main goal of this nefarious onslaught was simply reshaping the region in accordance with the imperialist interests. The imperialist states and reactionary regimes of the region blatantly committed war crimes in this war, during which millions were killed and forced to migrate. The fact that members of the murderous gangs were recruited not only from underdeveloped Islamic societies but also from the most prominent capitals of Europe shows that this is not a security weakness or a process out of control but an intentional crime. The fact that Turkey, a member of NATO, became an open corridor for the very same gangs cannot be the result of an oversight. Western imperialism and its regional collaborators did their utmost efforts to subdue Syria. They did not hesitate to create or use the most barbarous organisations, and finally ISIL, to crush Syria.

After such a period of more than four years, we finally witness a change of balance in the region. The resistance of Syria defeated the agenda of the US and resulted in a backfire for Turkey, which played the role of the triggerman in this assault. The imperialist siege has been broken after Russia intervened in the recent power vacuum. No one but the patriotic, anti-imperialist and progressive people of Syria made this change of circumstances possible. Syria

resisted and broke through the confines that it was pushed into. There is no doubt that the determining factor of the change is the people of Syria.

Through the sister parties from Syria who participated in our meeting, we, as the undersigned communist and workers' parties, deliver our most sincere message of solidarity to the resisting people of Syria. Once again, we underscore how honoured we are due to our Syrian sister parties' participation in the honourable resistance of the people, as being one of the most courageous constituents of it. As communist and workers' parties, we declare that no great power, no imperialist centre or no foreign state has the right to decide the future of Syria. Syrian people who did not surrender is the only authority to determine their own future.

Participant Parties

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 Communist Party of Brazil
 Communist Party of Britain
 Communist Party of Canada
 Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia
 Communist Party of Cuba
 Communist Party in Denmark
 Communist Party of Denmark
 Communist Party of Macedonia
 German Communist Party
 Unified Communist Party of Georgia
 Communist Party of Greece
 Hungarian Workers' Party
 TUDEH Party of Iran
 Communist Party of Ireland
 Workers' Party of Ireland
 Communist Party of Israel
 Lebanese Communist Party
 Socialist People's Front (Lithuania)
 Communist Party of Malta
 Palestinian Communist Party
 Palestinian People's Party
 Portuguese Communist Party
 Russian Communist Workers' Party
 Communist Party of Soviet Union
 Communist Party of Russian Federation
 Communist Party of Serbia
 Communist Party of Peoples of Spain

Communist Party of Sri Lanka
Sudanese Communist Party
Syrian Communist Party
Communist Party, Turkey
Communist Party of Ukraine

Other SolidNet Parties

Phillipine Communist Party [PKP-1930]

During the time after the armed coup in Ukraine in February 2014 the violation of the human rights and freedoms became critical, that is directly reflected in the results of the local elections that took place in Ukraine, October 25, 2015.

According to the impartial observers and experts they had not seen before such a dirty elections. Arsons of polling stations and disappearances of members of election commissions, the intimidation and bribery of voters and candidates, refusal to register undesirable candidates for the election, the persecution of Communists, depriving 1,2 million of forced migrants from the war zone in the Donbass of the opportunity to participate in the elections, destruction of ballots,, forgery and falsification, refusal to admit as the the observer from the PACE of the representative of the Left comrade Hunko. This is only a small set of crimes committed by the ruling fascist junta and its armed militants against the citizens of Ukraine.

This situation is the result of the installment of the oligarchic neo-Nazi regime in Ukraine, promotion of Nazi ideology as the state ideology, discrimination of citizens on political, ethnic, linguistic, religious grounds, forced anti-communist and militarist hysteria.

As history shows, fascism and Nazism - are the products of the capitalist system. Therefore, it is impossible to defeat fascism without destruction of the capitalist system.

The Communist Party is only political party in Ukraine, that stands for the elimination of predatory and degrading capitalist system and the source of the Nazi threat. The party, which is under threat of being banned, its members and supporters are subjected to repression, harassment and illegal prosecution.

In this regard, we are in solidarity with the struggle of Communists of Ukraine for the rights and freedoms of its citizens and against the dictatorship of oligarchs and neo-Nazis. We also affirm the need to intensify the efforts of Communist and workers' parties in all international organizations, deputies of the European Parliament and national parliaments, members of the Parliamentary Assembly in order to protect the Ukrainian Communist Party and to prevent the ban the communist ideology.

Participant Parties

Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism

Communist Party of Azerbaijan

Communist Party of Brazil

Communist Party of Canada

Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia

Communist Party of Cuba

AKEL

Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (Czech Rep.)

Communist Party in Denmark

Communist Party of Denmark

Communist Party of Finland

French Communist Party

Unified Communist Party of Georgia

Communist Party of Greece

Hungarian Workers' Party

Tudeh Party of Iran

Communist Party of Kurdistan – Iraq

Iraqi Communist Party

Workers' Party of Ireland

Communist Party of Ireland

Communist Party of Kazakhstan

Lebanese Communist Party

Socialist People's Front (Lithuania)

Communist Party of Malta

Palestinian Communist Party

Portuguese Communist Party

Communist Party of Russian Federation

Party of the Communists of Serbia

Communist Party of Peoples of Spain

Communist Party of Sri Lanka

Syrian Communist Party

Communist Party, Turkey

Other Parties

Phillipine Communist Party[PKP-1930]

Communist and Workers Parties participating in the 17th International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties held on 30-31st October and 1st November, 2015, in Istanbul, Turkey undersigned the statement below:

For the freedom and reunification of Cyprus – 41 years since the coup d'état, the Turkish invasion and occupation

Recall that forty one years ago, in July 1974, the Greek junta and the fascist organization EOKA B staged a coup d'état against the elected President of the Republic of Cyprus Archbishop Makarios,

Recall that Turkey exploited the coup d'état to materialise its expansionist plans in Cyprus, invading illegally the island which remains occupied to this day in flagrant violation of international law. Turkey illegally occupies 37% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, violates the human rights and freedoms of the Cypriot people as a whole, and through the illegal mass settlement of the occupied territory it attempts to alter the demographic character of the island.

Recall that the double crime of the coup d'état and invasion was planned by the US and NATO aiming to divide Cyprus and impose union of one part to Greece and the other to Turkey, as both countries were NATO members,

Note that 40 years on Cyprus continues to suffer the consequences of the Turkish invasion and occupation,

Reiterate that the Cyprus problem is in essence an international problem of invasion and illegal occupation, in violation of the fundamental principles of international law and the Charter of the UN,

Note that the Cyprus problem has also an internal aspect, of restoring relations between the two communities of Cyprus, the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot,

Take note of Ankara's intransigence and denial to undertake concrete measures to support the comprehensive solution of the Cyprus problem; remind that this was also revealed with last year's issuing of NAVTEX by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey for the binding of regions of the EEZ of the Republic of Cyprus to conduct research and exercises at a time of ongoing negotiations, thus leading to their suspension,

Underline the ongoing efforts to reach a comprehensive solution being conducted by the leaders of the two communities under the auspices of the UN for the reunification of Cyprus and the restoration of peace on the island; and that constructive use of the convergences reached between Christofias- Talat can facilitate a solution within the agreed framework of bicomunal, bizonal federation and in accordance with international law.

The Communist and Workers' Parties sign the present Statement:

1 Denounce Turkey's intransigent policy that perpetuates the Cyprus problem and consolidates the divisionist facts accomplished on the ground.

2 Declare that the tolerance exhibited by the international community to the continuing illegality that is taking place in Cyprus, is unacceptable and must be ended immediately.

3 They demand the solution of the Cyprus problem the soonest possible, on the basis of international law and the UN Security Council resolutions. The solution must restore the human rights and freedoms in the framework of a bicomunal, bizonal federation with political equality as prescribed in the relevant UN resolutions.

4 They demand permanent peace that would allow indeed the reunification, independence and freedom of the Cypriot people as a whole.

5 They call for an immediate verification of the fate of the remaining more than 1500 missing persons of the Cypriot tragedy.

7 Underline that unilateral actions of the Turkish government and provocative statements increase tension in the region and affect negatively the inter-communal talks for the solution of the Cyprus problem.

8 Call on the international community to exert its influence on Turkey in order to abandon its intransigent stance, to terminate its divisive policies on the ground and take concrete steps for the solution of the Cyprus problem within the agreed framework.

9 Express their discontent with recent statements of EU circles expressing their readiness to accommodate in an excessive manner Turkey's demands vis-à-vis the EU in light of the migration crisis, despite its declared unwillingness to normalize relations with the Republic of Cyprus and implement relevant obligations.

10 Express their solidarity with and support to the struggle of the Cypriot people for the liberation and reunification of its country.

The statement is signed by the following Parties:

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The representatives of the international communist and workers' parties gathered at their seventeenth meeting, in Istanbul - Turkey, confirm their support for the struggle of the Lebanese Communist Party and the Communist Youth in Lebanon for the salvation of the sectarian quota system and the building of democratic secular state that fortifies Lebanon and its people in the face of escalating aggressive imperialism and Israeli aggression against their homeland and the Arabic region as a whole. This aggression, which encouraged all forms of terrorism and war, resulting in killing, displacement, kidnapping, devastation and destruction, aimed at breaking up the Arab countries into feuding sectarian and doctrinal cantons in order to easily keep them and their oil and gas wealth under control.

The representatives of the international communist and workers' parties declare that the proposed program by the Lebanese Communist Party in order to help Lebanon and its people, namely the working class, is the only solution to get out of the worsening political and socio-economic crisis caused by widespread unemployment and extreme poverty, which is affecting more than a third of the people and is worsening by the presence of nearly two million displaced as a result of Israeli attacks and the terrorist war on Syria.

Finally, the representatives of the international communist and workers' parties confirm their solidarity with the grass roots movement continued for more than three months, and that the Lebanese Communist Party actively participates in it, in order to consolidate public freedoms, starting with the freedom to demonstrate. We also condemn the barbaric violence that has been practiced and still against the demonstrators, and the illegal arrests, especially referring activists to the military court.

Istanbul, October 30th- November 1st, 2015

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