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The Tasks of The Anti-Imperialist Front In The Face of The Escalation of The War In Europe and The Far East

Collective of Struggle for the Revolutionary
Unification of Humanity | Greece

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In the summer of 1950, the USA - through brutal manipulation of the UN - led a military intervention in the Korean Peninsula in order to suppress the national liberation and socialist revolution of the people led by the communists in the DPRK. Twenty-one countries took part in this murderous imperialist intervention. The war was opposed by the communists-internationalists, the USSR, all the early socialist countries and the whole of the anti-imperialist and progressive forces. A total of 10,255 soldiers and officers from Greece were sent to this imperialist mission, mainly by force. The death toll of the Greek Expeditionary Corps was 182, while the wounded numbered 610.

In May 1951, a mutiny broke out on one of the American ships carrying Greek and Turkish soldiers to Korea. The soldiers tried to attack the Americans who were the crew of the ship. In the ensuing crackdown, the leading Greek second lieutenant was killed.

22.1.1951 the Greek internationalist soldiers Stavros Kassandra and Nikos Pitsikas were executed, because they refused to fight against the revolution of the heroic people of Korea, they refused to become instruments of the war machine of US imperialism. 18.12.1950 the Extraordinary Military Court of Athens judged them to death for the crime of high treason. In a summary procedure, the American puppet bourgeois regime executed them.

At the beginning of February 1951, 176 Greek soldiers joined the Korean People's Army!

To understand the heroism of these soldiers: it was only on 30.8.1949 that the revolutionary communist Democratic Army of Greece was defeated by the US Occupation Army and its local collaborators, who a few years ago had been loyal collaborators of the Nazi occupiers. Tens of thousands of fighters were arrested, imprisoned, tortured, and were exiled to concentration camps, while thousands were executed by the counter-revolutionary regime that the USA established. The KKE, and every progressive organization, was under a regime of illegality and persecution. The heroic actions of the

two executed internationalists and the 176 soldiers who deserted the imperialist forces and joined the Korean People's Army as fighters for the revolution were carried out spontaneously, with the KKE's apparatus practically non-existent after the deadly repression.

These historical events are of particular importance at the current situation. In 2022 the Special Warfare Operation in Ukraine was launched, while escalating tensions indicate that in 2023 the possibilities for the fierce eruption of new strategic fronts of the ongoing World War in South Korea and Taiwan are high.

These historical events are evidence both of the similarities between the history and heroic struggles of the peoples of Greece and Korea and of the fraternal internationalist ties between the revolutionary forces of our countries. Therefore, we ought to preserve and develop these ties, especially in this critical phase of escalation of the Third World War, with the military operations conducted by the US-NATO-EU axis in Ukraine (where more than 55 countries are involved) and the explosive situation on the fronts of the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan.

It gives me great emotion to be here as a representative of my organization, together with our comrades from the World Anti-Imperialist Platform, on the side of the Korean people and their avant-garde, the dear comrades of the brother party of the People's Democracy Party -PDP.

This war is definitely imperialist, neo-colonialist, banditry and clearly unjust on the part of the aggressor axis led by the USA. The heinousness of this war is also marked by the fact that this axis is reviving, instrumentalizing, sanctifying and strengthening Nazism & fascism (in Ukraine and elsewhere) in every way and by every means to achieve its murderous and catastrophic objectives. The exact opposite is de facto true as regards the camp formed and consolidated by the forces which defend and are forced to counterattack the axis: it is a war of resistance, an anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and clearly just war.

In addition to the already noticeable results of this war, apart from the massive destruction of American and NATO weapon systems and materials in general, apart from the extermination of armed forces fighting in the

service of the attacking axis, the war has other extremely important effects on the economic, political, military and diplomatic fronts.

The rapid displacement of the US dollar and the euro from the position and from their role of world money and international reserve currencies marks the enormous changes taking place in the world economic system: The rapid displacement of the US dollar and the euro from the position and from their role of world money and international reserve currencies marks the enormous changes taking place in the world economic system: A mechanism that operates largely via the violent imposition through the world currency of a peculiar system of charging other countries, e.g., the cost of the US budget deficit, through the authoritarian (paper or digital) emission of currency, i.e., by imposing a kind of peculiar “tribute tax” on peoples.

These changes are also linked to rapid political and diplomatic shifts. With the catalytic role played by, for example, by PRC and Russia, peace mediations and peace processes are taking place between countries with long-standing conflicts, methodically orchestrated by colonialism and imperialism, on the foundation of the principle of ‘divide and rule’, through bloody incitement to ethnic, racial, religious and cultural hate. This is what we are observing now with the peacemaking between Saudi Arabia and Iran (and therefore Yemen), with the recognition of the legitimate government of Syria and its reintegration into the Arab and Islamic community, with the rapprochement between Iraq and Iran, but also between India, Pakistan, and China, and so on. These all imply a rapid expulsion of the US from the region, reduction & cancellation of the position and role of the racist terrorist state, Israel.

Economic, political, and diplomatic changes are accompanied by military partnerships and alliances. Events that signal and promote the abject failure of the US-led imperialist camp to consolidate its presence and control in the Middle East, in Central Asia, in the Far East, in Latin America and in Africa.

In the light of these changes, there is also a sharp escalation of tension in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly on the organically interconnected fronts of the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan. Both these fronts are interconnected with each other and with those of Eastern Europe, not only geographically but also historically. At this point it is enough to point out that the above-mentioned tectonic power shifts highlight

legacy contestations that emerged from the end of World War II, from the “Cold War” and from the processes of counter-revolution and the disintegration of the USSR and the camp of the early socialism in Europe.

The conflict in Ukraine marks the end of the escalation of the process of imperialist domination and further fragmentation of the post-Soviet space, with the Russian Federation as the main target, i.e., the only configuration that can play the role of reintegration and a pole of attraction of this space.

The conflict on the Korean peninsula is interwoven with phenomena which are explained by V.I. Lenin’s discoveries about imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism and the “weak link” of the world system, in which the possibilities of an outbreak of a revolutionary situation that can lead to a victorious revolution are increasing. This conflict is a war of people’s and national liberation, a war of re-unification of the heroic Korean nation, a war of liberation from the brutal imperialist invasion-occupation of the USA, which came to succeed the brutal imperialist occupation by the imperialist Japanese militarist monarchy. Given the victorious socialist revolution and building in North Korea and the neighborhood with the PRC, the national liberation stage, which will also include anti-fascist tasks of democratizing society and restructuring the economy in terms of people’s sovereignty - apparently - will be rather short in time, organically linked to the socialist stage, in a single revolutionary process.

The international anti-imperialist support, the internationalist solidarity by all means and ways and at all levels will be of extreme importance for the victorious outcome of the national liberation struggle and for the socialist revolution in the whole of the Korean peninsula. The anti-imperialist forces should contribute to the disempowerment and prevention of all imperialist criminal counter-revolutionary projects. Of course, against the trilateral imperialist alliance of the USA-Japan-North Korea-Australia and the general expansion of NATO in the Indo-Pacific that the USA is planning, the contribution of cooperation-alliance in all fields between the PRC, North Korea, Russia and all the forces that tend to align themselves with them will be decisive.

The conflict on the Taiwanese front-field, with its revolutionary potential, has similar characteristics - in terms of proportions and scale - (national liberation, nation re-unification, anti-imperialist, etc.).

Given the above, the objectives of the World Anti-

Imperialist Platform take on strategic importance for the revolutionary movement of the era. Today it becomes more necessary than ever to create, develop, coordinate, and organize the anti-imperialist forces of the world in a victorious frontal struggle at all levels, in all countries, on all continents. Especially there where the heart of the revolutionary movement beats most strongly. The defeat of the aggressor axis led by the United States is a condition for the very survival of humanity, and therefore for the victories of the revolutionary movement.

The defeat of imperialism in this life-or-death combat presupposes the unmasking and crushing of opportunism (the de facto agency of the aims of imperialism in the lines of the revolutionary movement) and revisionism, the degeneration of revolutionary theory and methodology into bourgeois-reactionary ideologies (which often appear with a “revolutionary” mask and demagogic “leftist” rhetoric), which disorientate, divide, undermine and ultimately nullify

the revolutionary movement, rejecting existing early socialism and anti-imperialism, rejecting any victorious dialectical relationship between revolutionary theory and practice, strategy and tactics.

The communists, the progressive people of our planet, are called upon today to consider which consequences might have any victory of the US-led imperialist aggressor axis, not only for the revolutionary movement, but also for the very survival of humanity. Only with the exemplary, pioneering and leading role of the revolutionary communist forces the anti-imperialist frontal struggle can have a foundation and a future, only the perspective of the socialist revolution can give strategic depth and victorious breath to anti-imperialism and anti-fascism.

Long live the struggle of the Korean people for the reunification of the nation and for socialism!

Long live the world anti-imperialist struggle!

Fight until the final victory!

‘It Is Necessary To Unite All Anti-Imperialist and Progressive Forces!’

Baltic Platform

Dear comrades!

Our World Anti-Imperialist Platform has been in operation for two years now. This union of left and progressive forces was a response to the bloody war carefully planned and executed by the forces of world imperialism. The clash of two fraternal peoples who had been building and working together for decades as part of the USSR became a huge, but not the only tragedy on the European continent after World War II. A year ago, on May 8, 2022, O. Schulz spoke about the “gross force that once again tramples on the right in the center of Europe.” But wasn’t international law violated when NATO bombs rained down on sovereign Yugoslavia? Wasn’t the invasion of Iraq a violation of law? Just as missile and bomb strikes by the US and its allies, support for separatist and blatantly terrorist forces in the struggle against independent states that did not want to kneel before the world hegemon. Today, much has become evident to the working people, to the peoples of the world. Imperialism once again showed its savage grin.

A year ago, we revealed the causes and prerequisites for a major war. A war that almost 30 years ago was announced by the “hawk” Zbigniew Brzezinski: “Detach Ukraine from Russia and it will cease to be an empire” (“The Grand Chessboard”), he said. We see the embodiment of these intentions today. The statements of European leaders Merkel and Hollande, guarantors of the peaceful initiatives in Minsk, that “the Minsk agreements have become a delay in the military conflict” became a revelation. This only confirms the fact that the US and its vassals have been carefully preparing for another proxy war with the goal of destroying (at best) or at least significantly weakening their main military opponent, capable of disrupting Washington’s plans for world domination.

We see how the aggressive policy of the US, aimed at preserving its dominant position in the world, has brought a sad fate to the EU countries. If the Baltic states and some countries of the Visegrád Group were taken into the sphere of Washington’s interests immediately after the collapse of the socialist system, then the “old Europe” countries are now finally brought to their knees.

This was done under the pretext of “fighting for peace and Western democratic values”.

The blowing up of the Russian pipelines of the “Nord Stream” was an open slap in the face of the EU founding countries. Thus, a strict demand was made to follow the insane sanction course, shifting the entire burden of the crisis onto the shoulders of the working people. The unanimous silence, or attempts to shield the true organizers of the act of state terrorism, look childishly funny. Even former US President Donald Trump had to admit the obvious when answering a question about the perpetrators of the explosions: “I don’t want to cause trouble for my country, so I won’t answer. I can say who didn’t do it – Russia.”

The economic decline of formerly the richest countries in Europe is vividly reflected in their share of global GDP. In 1992, the share of the leading Western countries forming the “Group of Seven” (the United States, Canada, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, and Japan) was 45.78% of global GDP, but by 2022, it had decreased to 29.93%. The example of Germany is particularly striking, as in 1992, it was one of the world’s top three economies, accounting for 5.5%, but by 2022, it had completely lost its position, falling to 3.19%. It is quite obvious that the protracted economic crisis, the transfer of production from EU countries, the shutdown of nuclear power plants, the increase in the retirement age, and, as a result, the impoverishment of the working masses, have all been sacrificed to the interests of the overseas master. The only “source of pride” for the EU remains its support for the fire of the great war, continuing to prepare tens of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and exceeding the limit of ammunition supplies by 600 million units (statement by Borrell, April 2023). It is noteworthy that the economic dominance of the United States in the “Group of Seven” has not weakened but, on the contrary, has strengthened over three decades. In 1992, the United States accounted for 42.8% of the combined GDP of the “Group of Seven,” while by 2022, this share had exceeded half (50.9%).

Comrades! The events that began in February last year have become a catalyst for the strengthening of openly revanchist, national-bourgeois ruling forces in our country. Russophobia, anti-Sovietism, and a revanchist interpretation of the events of the Second World War have become dominant orientations for the ruling capitalist forces. Unconditional support for the US and NATO, demands for Ukraine’s compulsory military

victory, supported by the forces of the North Atlantic Alliance - this is the basis for the foreign policy of our country today. The interests of the working people have been sacrificed to such a policy, the government ignores the catastrophic state of the healthcare system, ignores teacher strikes, the destitute situation of pensioners, and the continuing outflow of able-bodied population abroad. To contain the growing discontent of the population, the ruling class relies on the strengthening of the repressive apparatus. The revanchist interpretation of the history of the Second World War is used as a tried and tested way to divide Latvians and ethnic Russians, who make up one-third of the republic’s population.

Comrades! The events that began in February of last year became a catalyst for the strengthening of overtly revanchist, national-bourgeois ruling forces in our country. Russophobia, anti-Sovietism, and a revanchist interpretation of the events of World War II have become the dominant orientations for the ruling forces of capital. Unconditional support for the United States and NATO, the demand for Ukraine’s mandatory military victory, supported by the forces of the North Atlantic Alliance, is the foundation of our country’s foreign policy today. The interests of the working people have been sacrificed to such a policy, and the authorities are turning a blind eye to the catastrophic state of the healthcare system, ignoring the strikes of teachers, the destitute state of pensioners, and the continuing outflow of working-age population abroad. To contain the growing discontent of the population, the ruling class relies on the strengthening of the repressive apparatus. The revanchist interpretation of the history of World War II is used as a proven method for splitting Latvians and ethnic Russians, who make up 1/3 of the republic’s population.

If last year the apogee was the demolition of memorials and monuments to the soldiers of the Red Army, partisans, and underground fighters (mostly ethnic Latvians), then this year, the parliament passed a law prohibiting any celebrations and commemorative events in honor of Victory Day on May 9. Interestingly, the law was passed just a few days after the prime minister (who holds US citizenship) announced the need for another increase in the retirement age in the country.

Comrades! Despite the difficulties, we continue our struggle. We publish statements, organize protests, and support the actions of the working people.

We see that the position of the “World Anti-Imperialist

Platform” is understood and supported by the majority of the people we address. It is impossible not to note that our interaction with comrades from Hungary, Greece, Italy, and Kazakhstan has significantly improved based on the platform. Thank you, comrades, for exchanging experiences and working together in Zoom conferences.

We continue to work within the “Coalition for the Prohibition of US Biolabs”. While just a few years ago, many Westerners perceived the idea of US biolabs as a fake, the covid-19 infection and later the revelation of the actual existence of biolabs in Ukraine exposed the truth. The country that owns these biolabs is using biological weapons to achieve its imperialistic goals.

Comrades! Over a hundred years ago, V.I. Lenin wrote: “Capitalism has grown into a world system of colonial oppression and financial strangulation of the overwhelming majority of the population of the globe by a handful of ‘advanced’ countries. And this ‘booty’ is shared between two or three powerful world plunderers armed to the teeth (America, England, Japan), who are drawing the whole world into their war over the division of their spoils.” Lenin’s words are more relevant than ever today. It is evident that the implementation of today’s proxy-polygon of war on the European continent is a key step towards strengthening AUCUS’s position in the Indo-Pacific region and striking a blow to the People’s Republic of China. The region, which produces

60% of the world’s GDP and will consume 70% of the world’s energy, cannot help but be a tempting morsel for the United States and their allies.

A series of extremely alarming steps indicate that the imperialists are preparing for another war. Statements by J. Borrell about the need to patrol the Taiwan Strait by the EU’s naval forces, the Philippines granting the US access to military facilities near the Taiwan Strait, large-scale military exercises by the US and South Korea, the Philippines, and the dispatch of US military instructors to Taiwan. It should be noted that vassal dependence on the US has spread throughout the world.

For the first time, Japan is beginning to procure offensive weapons, in particular American Tomahawk missiles with a range of 1,500 to 2,000 kilometers. It plans to increase its military spending to 2% of GDP by 2027. And this is happening against the backdrop of another statement by a US representative, calling the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki unprecedented in destruction and human suffering, but without apologies and without naming the perpetrators of this international crime.

In these circumstances, it is necessary to unite all anti-imperialist and progressive forces! Let us do everything possible to strengthen peace and oppose the US imperialists’ instigation of a new war!

Power to labor, not capital!

“Our Theory Is Not A Dogma, But A Guide To Action”

Hungarian Workers’ Party | Hungary

Peter Gal

Dear friends, comrades!

We thank the organisers for organising this international event in the city of Seoul. Here, in one of the foreposts of the imperialist forces of the Asian continent, in one of the hotspots of the probable future conflict centres.

I brought revolutionary greetings to our Korean comrades on the occasion of the Congress of their party. It is an important event, an important event not only for our Korean friends but for the international anti-capitalist forces.

Korea is a faraway place from Hungary, but we are always keeping an eye on the situation on the Korean peninsula. This situation has a profound influence on

the process in the world. The DPRK, China and Russia are in the crosshair of the US and their puppet states.

I am coming from Europe, from Hungary, where we can directly feel the war in Ukraine. We should clearly understand the character of this war. Unless we understand, we mislead our parties and people and risk their peace and security.

We have stated it many times, but it cannot be repeated enough. There is a war on the territory of Ukraine. There are mainly Russian forces fighting against mainly Ukrainian forces on the field. But if we look at the big picture, then we immediately see another important thing. The fight is fought not only for Herson or Bahmut. It is fought for the world dominance of the imperialists or for the emergence of a new world order. It is fought not only against Russia but against China, the DPRK, and freedom at all!

This is the war of America against Russia. But this war is also going on against us, working people.

If America wins, the independence of nations will be over. If America wins, money will rule the world completely. They will take away from the workers everything they have fought for themselves.

President Biden considers China the greatest enemy and aims for total war. If Russia weakens, China loses an important ally, and then it will be easier to contain the Chinese economic expansion, and destroy the Chinese dream, to obstruct the construction the socialism with Chinese characteristics. Then they will try to unite Korea as well. But the unification will be only on their terms.

The USA expands the struggle of neoliberalism for world domination into a global conflict. It is obvious that the strength of the USA is declining. If the majority of the international community keeps peace and development as the mainstream, the world will come to multipolarity. However, if the world enters a new Cold War with endless conflicts and tensions, the life of US hegemony will be extended.

Dear friends!

We deeply understand the Korean case. And again, I would like to refer to the Hungarian situation as a reason. Although here, the situation is much worse. International imperialist forces made two states and incited them against each other. They made a comfortable base on the territory of their puppet state, from where they can easily threaten the whole continent. They are doing the same in Taiwan; they always divide and rule.

We have to stand up as one front, all the parties and organisations of the world, who are fighting against the dividing forces and struggling to make a new world order. Our enemies have sneaky instruments against us. We should be careful.

Sometimes we get unexpected attacks. Who would think that a communist party with a revolutionary past opens ideological and political fire at those who want to

lead a modern and effective fight against imperialism? It is hard to believe, but the CP of Greece (KKE) did it.

We Hungarian communists think that only the imperialist forces would benefit from a large-scale ideological war with the KKE. We should not go down this road, even if our comrades in the KKE are trying to push us into the quagmire.

What should we do? We, the parties cooperating in the Anti-imperialist Platform and the Platform itself, should demonstrate with our work that it is our position which really corresponds to the real situation.

We should organise more demonstrations, more conferences. We should convince more parties to join our initiative. We should use the most effective methods of class struggle. If we can do it, everybody will understand that the truth is on our side.

The communist parties of the world are facing a challenging task now. We should save our Marxist conviction, and on the basis of the concrete analysis of the concrete situation, we should decide policy. As Lenin taught us, this “constitutes the very gist, the living soul of Marxism.”

We should remain on Marxist positions, but should be open to different opinions too. Remember Engels: “Our theory is not a dogma, but a guide to action.”

We should find new allies in the anti-imperialist struggle. We should understand that there are different forces opposing imperialism, communists and non-communists. We should find a common language with them, too.

The ideological fight is one of our important weapons. Unfortunately, the unreadable materials of our enemies have their public; in some cases, they are successfully putting some comrades on the wrong path.

We have to work on enlightening people, guiding them to the truth about the world situation, lead them in the struggle for a more communal, human-like, socialist system.

‘The March Towards Better World Is An Indivisible March’

Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia | Czech Republic

Milan Kračja

Dear Comrades and Friends!

First of all I would like express thanks to the organizers, namely to the People’s Democracy Party of South Korea, and greetings to all participants of this conference on behalf of the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia from the Czech Republic. It is an honour and pleasure

to salute brave revolutionaries and anti imperialists of South Korea who have been struggling courageously for decades against imperialist occupations, interferences, interventions and provocations in the region, for the reunification and independence of their country.

Mentioning the remarkable history of resistance of Korean people to the imperialism I have to underline the imperialist aggression against Korea and its people seventy years ago, which is among the most brutal recorded in history. The US dropped more bombs in this conflict than during their entire Pacific campaign during WWII. Many cities, villages, factories and infrastructure completely razed. The massive use of napalm and biological weapons in Korean Peninsula has left repercussions that are still felt today. This historical framework is essential to understand the current situation of the Korean Peninsula, its division, the permanence of a large number of US military forces, the aspiration for a united and peaceful Korea - only possible without external interference, without pressure and blackmail. The withdrawal of US troops is the first and decisive step towards making it possible to move forward the peaceful reunification of Korea. It is what best serves peace and security in the region and to contribute to the worldwide struggle against imperialism.

But the fight against imperialism is a priority for all real revolutionaries around the world. Speaking about struggle against imperialism in our region of Central and Eastern Europe its important to underline that is today related mainly to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Aware of the serious dangers that the escalation of war by imperialism entails for the world, our party particularly condemns the instigation of confrontation and conflict in Ukraine, fights for peace and defends a process of dialogue with a view to a political solution of the conflict, a response to the problems of collective security and disarmament in Europe, in compliance with the principles of the international law, the UN Charter and the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Our party also condemns the explicit engagement of the Czech Republic's government in the escalation of confrontation, in a clear manifestation of submission to the interests of imperialism, and considers that the Czech Republic must dissociate itself from the aggressive policy of the US, NATO and the EU, and contribute within the scope of its external relations for the peaceful solution of international conflicts.

Since February last year our party has been reminding that the war in Ukraine did not start in with Russia's military intervention, but that it had lasted for eight years, since the coup d'état in 2014, causing around 15,000 deaths and massive destruction in the Donbass region. Reality is showing that, being presented as a war between Russia and Ukraine, this is, in fact, a conflict between NATO against Russia, within the framework of the strategy of hegemonic dominance of US imperialism, in which Ukraine and the power placed there are used as an instrument of this dangerous warmongering action. That is why we denounce the hypocrisy of those who, using Ukraine and at the expense of the Ukrainian people, have long promoted confrontation and conflict in Europe, who are now trying to hide their great responsibility for the outbreak and worsening of this war and who, under the pretext of a war that they provoked and continue to instigate, have been sending more and more sophisticated war material, doing everything to boycott the efforts for a political solution, showing that they have no intention of paving the way for peace.

We support all the initiatives leading to the peaceful solution of the Ukrainian conflict. This is also why we strongly protest against the pro-imperialist and pro-war policy of the contemporary Czech government and new elected president. We oppose vehemently the sending of massive weapons supplies by Czech authorities to Kiev regime. We condemn military training of thousand of Ukrainian soldiers on the territory of our country. We protest against the currently enforced changes to the laws regarding the mobilization and military deployment of Czech citizens. We mobilize these days people mainly against the new so-called defence treaty between our country and the US which would led to the permanent US military presence in the Czech Republic. This treaty was already approved by Czech government but we continue our struggle inspired by successfully popular resistance we initiated against the that time attempt to establish permanent US military base in our country several years ago. During this campaign we always underline one of our principal goals that is the end of the Czech Republic's membership in NATO, the largest military organization in the world and the imperialism's key military instrument.

In the current situation, in which the aspiration for peace is unequivocally expressed throughout the world, the resistance and struggle of countries and peoples in defence of their sovereignty and rights, including the

right to development, for the construction of a new international order is of the utmost importance. The march towards better world is an indivisible march. The struggle against imperialism cannot be waged in isolation. It is a common struggle. It is the duty of the world revolutionary movement to approach that task with acknowledging that is a part of our general fight for the future of humanity based on peace, solidarity, social

progress and socialism.

Finally, Comrades and Friends, I would like to once again express our thanks to the organizers of this conference for the possibility to debate internationally today's dramatic situation as well as our positions in the common struggle against the imperialism.

Long live the international solidarity!

Long live the anti-imperialist struggle!

‘The Weakening of Imperialism Will Allow Socialism To Progress To A Practical and Realistic Possibility’

Communist Party of Poland | Poland

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Dear Comrades and Friends,

It is a great honour for us to be here, on the Korean Peninsula in this important historical moment, possibly in the eve of yet another World War. We salute the brave Korean people, who proved many times in their long history that they can successfully defend their national sovereignty against external threats and aggressions. We are aware of the fact that in the XV century, the heart of civilisation was beating here. We are confident that Korean people will be reunited once again and they will decide on their own future themselves, without foreign interference.

Working people and the humanity as a whole have found themselves again under threat. Imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism strives for the complete global dominance. Imperialist centres, based in the industrialized West will not hesitate to provoke yet another large scale military confrontation in order to preserve their monopolies and expand their dominance.

Imperialist dominance is aimed not only at maintaining financial and technological monopolies or acquiring natural resources, but above all at human resources, treated like raw materials and all other wealth. Imperialism transforms societies in the way most convenient for itself, without consideration for the most elementary human needs, material or social. Man is by nature a social and creative being, inclined to form strong bonds and to cooperate. These qualities have so far survived all historical social formations, although they have suffered many limitations with the emergence of formations based on social class divisions. But the

social nature of man has been able to persist throughout history and even develop, on occasion leading to the overthrow of certain economic formations.

Today, imperialism seeks to eradicate the social nature of man. So-called “Western values” and among them hyper-individualism in particular are being imposed on societies as the new ideological superstructure of the imperialist formation. They present a model of a man “liberated” from social bonds and responsibilities, but in fact completely subservient to corporate interests in all aspects of life. Human relations are undergoing commodification; from stable structures they are being transformed into short term transactions. This aspect of the imperialist superstructure is designed to prevent the transformation of a class within itself into a class for itself, the attainment of class consciousness and the self-organization of the working class. There is now an increasing danger that atomized, individualized workers, subjected to ever more advanced means of social and technological control, will be incapable of producing the organizational forms necessary to overcome the capitalist system.

The struggle against imperialism is therefore also necessary in this ideological dimension. Ultraliberal ideology, which is the dominant current of bourgeois politics, has to be challenged and not endorsed under the illusory slogans of progressivism, according to which everything new is better. The dismantling of social structures is not progress, but a sign of the decay of the capitalist formation. Real progress, which can only be achieved under socialism, leads to the strengthening of human collectives and the social aspects of human life and not to their abolition.

Comrades,

Despite some convictions present in international communist movement, the material conditions of the contemporary imperialist system are not static, for example like a pyramid. They are undergoing dramatic changes, the pace of which has accelerated over last year. The task of the communist movement is not to dwell on whether we approve of events which are out of our control but to apply Marxist analysis to them to comprehend their dynamics and the actual implications for the working people and decide on the appropriate action.

First of all, all Eurocentric views which start from the assumption that the centre of the world is in the West have to be rejected. The most important events are happening outside of Europe and the US and they may determine on the future of the world.

Since the destruction of Soviet Union, imperialism has enforced a neo-colonial order on Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. But today it has found itself in a deep structural crisis of overproduction and over accumulation. It is unable to solve its internal problems or realize its external aspirations. Peoples of neo-colonies are aware of this weakness and in their majority they have refused to follow orders from their imperial overlords. They are striving to develop their own productive forces and to earn their rightful place in the arena of history.

These who don't want to submit to the imperialist dictate are hypocritically accused by the West of "imperialism" and "colonialism". Voices calling for the fight against "Chinese and Russian imperialism and colonialism" can be heard from countries like US, France and Great Britain. The Polish Prime Minister Morawiecki stated recently in the US that "Close relations between Poland and US are the best vaccine against Russian imperialism". Numerous forces of the "golden billion" from the Right to Left are rallying behind this banner.

In this situation, it is necessary to ask the question - what do these changes mean to the labour movement?

In our view - the workers' cause should be viewed predominantly as a practical problem, both at the stage of the struggle working class for state power and at the stage of building the socialist society. The most important obstacle to the realization of the just aspirations of the working class in our country and internationally is a legal and political framework established by the bourgeoisie, which prevents the realization of even our basic or minimal demands. Our bourgeoisie itself is part

of the global bourgeois ruling class, which enforces their rule through governments and international institutions such as NATO, EU, IMF, World Bank etc. Those who think that workers' aspirations can be realized within the imperialist system, under its domination or that question of imperialism has nothing to do with the struggle of working people are simply delusional.

The struggle against the domination of imperialism is the same goal of the working class as the struggle for decent labour wages and working conditions. The struggle against imperialism is above all a practical task. Everything that weakens imperialism is a revolutionary act and everything that strengthens it is counter-revolutionary. The allies of the working class are all forces that oppose imperialism – including national liberation and anti-colonial movements.

Imperialism is also a key factor limiting the development of societies that have embarked on the road to socialist construction and those that will embark on such a road in the future. Economic sanctions are routinely used by imperialism against socialist countries such as Poland in the past and Cuba in present in order to cripple their economies and destabilize their political systems.

The weakening of imperialism and liberation of entire regions from its control will enable the working classes that decide to embark on the path of socialist construction to diversify their trade and allow them to bypass the economic sanctions that often prevent the development of the productive forces and the satisfaction of the workers' basic needs. Countries where workers have broken the chain of imperialism will be able to exchange goods and technologies with others, outside of the direct influence of imperialism. The weakening of imperialism will allow socialism to progress from the stage of being an ideal into a practical and realistic possibility.

Comrades,

The imperialist core is well aware of the crisis in which it finds itself and therefore seeks to start another war. Having provoked a conflict in Europe, it is now seeking to provoke an armed conflict in Asia. Our party condemns the criminal actions of imperialism and stands in solidarity with the labour, anti-colonial and national liberation movements around the world. We stand on the position that the struggle of the peoples of the world against colonialism and imperialism for social justice, for their rightful place in history is a just

struggle. Bringing the entire world under imperialist hegemony will mean postponing the cause of socialism for generations. There will be no possibility anywhere in the world of realizing other forms of political system,

not to mention socialism.

We need to mobilize and fight for peace, social and national liberation. Socialism will win!

“Divide And Conquer,” Our Necessary and Urgent Duty To Reject and Oppose’

New Communist Party of Yugoslavia | Serbia
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Dear Comrades,

People from the southern part of the Korean peninsula do know what the US occupation means. Western imperialism has a hegemony role in contemporary times. Also, Western societies face a lot of contradictions and systematic capitalist crisis. The USA and its satellites, such as NATO and EU, want to keep power and hegemony in the world and for that reason fight against socialist, progressive, and sovereign countries and want to conquer new markets. Moreover, US, EU, and NATO lead policies against Cuba, Venezuela, and progressive governments and movements in Latin America. The US permanently provokes the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China. Likewise, Western imperialism is guilty of wars and looting of Africa.

These days, Western media are putting the focus on the war between NATO and Russia. In February 2014, with the direct assistance of the USA and other NATO countries, a government coup took place in Ukraine. Throughout the long eight years, the European countries and the USA looked at the genocide of the Russian people in Donbas with extreme equanimity, thus effectively justifying the actions of the Kyiv regime.

Today, the EU and the USA are displaying unheard-of hypocrisy in describing people's suffering in the course of battles, but ignoring the fact that the use of civilians as human shields has become the standard practice of those whom they call “freedom fighters.”

Nazi ideology is being inculcated in Ukraine. Ukrainian Fascists who organized and committed atrocities during the Second World War have been officially proclaimed national heroes. Their symbols have been adopted by the state. Monuments to Lenin and everything reminiscent of life in the USSR is being destroyed.

While the Western politicians and the media, who arrogantly claim to represent “the world community,” openly take the side of the Neo-Nazis, major countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America have firsthand experience of European and American neo-colonialism, quite rightly see the events in Ukraine as Russia's struggle against the US-led unipolar world. NATO and Western imperialism are the major enemies of peace.

Peoples of the Balkans, especially in the area of the former Yugoslavia, know best what imperialism is. Imperialists want to underpin new clashes in the Balkans. Our position is that NATO is the striking fist of Western imperialism, it is a monstrous aggressive military alliance that provokes wars, conflicts, and unrest around the world.

Undoubtedly, however, all the peoples of the former Yugoslavia, all of them without any exception, have been and are victims of Western imperialism and the violent dismantling of Yugoslavia. Political and economic dependence and conditioning are crystal clear everywhere in former Yugoslavia, we have become easy prey for sharks that have entered our waters.

The necessary and urgent duty for the people is to reject and oppose the policy of “divide and conquer” which aims at the emergence of new and weak states, in fact, protectorates, as is the case in face of the situation emerging in Kosovo. Today the imperialist plans and rivalry may again cause bloodshed in the region. Undoubtedly, however, all the peoples of the former Yugoslavia, all of them without any exception, have been and are victims of Western imperialism and the violent dismantling of Yugoslavia. Political and economic dependence and conditioning are crystal clear everywhere in former Yugoslavia, we have become easy prey for sharks that have entered our waters.

The policy promoted by the imperialist powers aims not only to the intensification of foreign interventions

but also to establishment of governments servile to the imperialist dictates, of regimes that will further deepen the capitalist exploitation and bind their countries to the imperialist organizations of NATO and EU. IMF and World Bank make constant pressure on Serbia's government to implement anti-popular policies. The last example is that Serbia Government decided to convert the Electric power industry of Serbia from a state company to a joint-stock company and this is the first stage of privatization.

The worsening of workers' living standards in the Balkan countries, the reinforcement of the imperialist organizations, and the measures of repression against communists and the anti-imperialist movement that are taken throughout Europe, also increase the need to act in a better, more organized, and coordinated manner through the ranks of the anti-imperialist, anti-NATO and the mass labor movement.

The southern part of Serbia, Kosovo and Metohija, is occupied by NATO. The puppet regime in Kosovo permanently provokes Serbs and Non - Albanians and US and EU squint for it. In that part of our territory, there is the biggest US military base in Balkan - Bondsteel. This part of our territory is under the reign of mafia and war criminals that, with the help of NATO,

have control over this territory. Today, negotiations are in process between the puppet regime of, so-called, Kosovo and the Serbian pro-imperialist regime. Western imperialism insists on that agreement because that is the continuation of breaking Yugoslavia.

However, the situation in the world is rapidly changing. The process of de-dollarization is permanent and a new model of trade arises among a lot of countries and weakens US hegemony. Also, New Near East appears. The left and Anti-imperialist forces make a new model of cooperation in Latin America and also thanks to China and Russia the situation is changing in Africa.

We are ready to change the circumstances in our country. Our orientation, as an Anti-imperialist organization is on the position of proletarian internationalism. For us, that is not a dead letter, but a principle. We expect solidarity and help, but we are also ready to stand in solidarity and help as much as we can all of our sister organizations.

We think that Anti - imperialists must give a strong message of unity and determination to fight for peace, and independence and against imperialism and wars. We need to fight against Western imperialism hegemony. We need to fight on two levels - theoretical and practical.

Long live Anti-imperialist struggle!

“Neither Washington Nor Moscow,” Is Only An Obstacle To The Development Of The Labor Movement Today’

Communist Party | Switzerland
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Dear comrades!

It is a great honor for me to attend, together with all of you, in this conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform. I would like to thank the organizers of this event, the comrades of the People's Democracy Party of Korea, for gathering us, here, today, at a time that posterity will define as pivotal for human history.

For years we have hoped that the transition from a unipolar to a multipolar world could happen peacefully. We hoped that the imperialist tyranny of the United States of America and its vassals could be succeeded by a world order based on respect for international law, good neighbourly relations between states and the principle of non-interference, mutually beneficial trade and win-

win cooperation. The progressive action of the BRICS countries, whose historical contribution should never be underestimated, boded well for a positive and bloodless outcome of this transition.

But this was not destined to happen. The imperialist core was unwilling to accept the collapse of its hegemony. We witnessed this last year when the war in Ukraine, long prepared by NATO hierarchies against Russia, finally broke out. However, the Russian Federation's military intervention in Ukraine also demonstrated another fact: that sovereign countries, free countries, are no longer willing to suffer Washington's anguish without retaliating. Russia marked a starting point for the whole world that seeks multipolarity: from now on it will strike back.

But the conflict is likely to expand to other scenarios as well. U.S. provocations regarding Taiwan, in violation

of the One China Principle, are becoming more and more insistent, with the clear goal of triggering another war on the Asian shores of the Pacific Ocean. A war in which, like the one in Ukraine, the United States will send those countries that, despite themselves, are under the American boot to die on the front lines.

Biden's visit to Papua New Guinea on May 22 is not to be underestimated: the Chinese choice to cooperate with emerging nations has not pleased the U.S., which will try to threaten the government of James Marape, since the latter - despite being part of the British imperialist Commonwealth - has chosen to cooperate closely with Beijing. Immediately afterwards Biden will chair the quadrilateral security meeting in Australia (of which India is also a member), and this confirms that the fates of peace or war are decided in the Pacific. That is, on May 24, we will find out whether India will disengage from the Atlantic bloc, seeking a return to nonalignment, or it will agree to help Australia, Japan and the United States in the deflagration of the war in the Pacific. A war that would then be worldwide.

Euro-American imperialism is pushing the planet toward World War III in a desperate attempt to save the current global order. The countries that support multipolarism do not want this war and have done everything, in the past two decades, to avoid it, promoting a global change that excludes war as a means of regulating international relations.

China is still trying very hard to avoid such conflict: we've seen it with the enactment of the shared security plan of Comrade Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China. But how can we, political parties in the opposition, support this plan? By connecting our struggles: right now we know that the Communist Party (Italy) is collecting signatures against NATO, the same is happening in Turkey thanks to the Vatan Partisi, we in Switzerland are collecting signatures to stop our government from joining military alliances, and so on. We have to unite beyond our ideological and class differences in order to weaken NATO, but we have to do it on a mass level, since small actions fail to create consensus and legitimacy among the European population. We must seek dialogue with the largest communist parties in Europe (such as the German and the Portuguese), but also with non-Marxist-Leninist organizations, which can also be essential to achieve our goal. We should also seek alliance with the World Trade Union Federation and the World Peace Council.

As the Leader of the Communist Party of Switzerland, General Secretary Massimiliano Ay, said:

"Today we are called upon, as communists, to read the changing world, to identify its contradictions, to determine which contradiction is primary and which is secondary. Without carrying out this exercise we would not be up to the Marxist method: we could repeat many fine ultra-revolutionary, far-left slogans, but they would be useless because they would simply be out of phase. The class struggle today is based on a primary contradiction, which is that Atlantic unipolarism (i.e., imperialism) is attacking the Russian- and Chinese-led Eurasian area, i.e., multipolarism. On this basis we read all other contradictions, which then become secondary."

Unfortunately, not all communist parties in the world understand this. Simplistic and harmful readings of the current situation are unfortunately common, even from historical parties with a long tradition of struggle. Such are the claims that the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the NATO bloc behind it, would be an inter-imperialist war.

A false claim in every respect. The Russian Federation intervened militarily in a conflict that had already been ongoing in Ukraine for eight years, sparked by the NATO-sponsored Euromaidan coup in 2014. Russia intervened to stop ethnic cleansing against Russians in Ukraine, and to foil plans for further advancement of the Atlantic Pact. And it did so only after years of trying to resolve the conflict diplomatically, within the framework of the Minsk agreements, which instead Ukraine and its Western guarantors only pretended to support. There is nothing imperialist about Russia's action.

But even if one's willing to deny the legitimacy of the Kremlin's motives, Russia cannot be imperialist simply because its stage of capitalist development is far from the imperialist one described by Vladimir Lenin. In short, communists who blather on about the inter-imperialist nature of this war are ignorant of both its deep historical and geopolitical origins and basic Marxist-Leninist theory.

The doctrine of equidistance, which can be summed up in the maxim "neither Washington nor Moscow," typical of certain Marxist traditions, today as in the past is only an obstacle to the development of the labor movement in the world. The failure to understand that capitalist nations, such as the Russian Federation, can (and do) play a progressive role today can only lead the world revolutionary movement into a dead end. Those

who deny the fundamental role of Russia and China in stemming U.S. unipolarism, by calling Moscow and Beijing imperialists themselves, are denying a political alternative for the peoples of emerging countries. Not only that, such an approach also puts progressive forces inside the imperialist core countries in a difficult position, which, without a multipolar model to aspire to, would be forced into passive and dead-end resistance.

There is an internal conflict going on within the bourgeoisie in Switzerland: currently the pro-NATO current is prevailing and wants to destroy our neutrality by intensifying the rapprochement with the Atlantic Pact. However, the Communist Party, the Swiss Peace Movement and the ultra-nationalist Swiss People's Party are each working in their own way to include integral neutrality in the Federal Constitution. Obviously, the challenge is great because Switzerland's diplomatic credibility, after joining the European sanctions against Russia, has utterly collapsed, and also because the social democrats and the ecologists have betrayed their original pacifist principles and are now calling for the export of weaponry to Ukraine, while fomenting Russophobia day after day. The Communist Party is now called upon to connect the patriotism of the working masses, who want neutrality, with communist internationalism, so that the defence of national sovereignty does not turn into closure and selfishness. Unfortunately, contradictions also emerge in the pacifist movement: a large part has succumbed to liberal fashions and in fact legitimizes the dominant narrative hostile to anti-imperialist nations, while the other part (which shares our ideas) is often still influenced by petty-bourgeois tendencies that emphasize the contradictions - albeit true - about the history of Swiss neutrality. It is of utmost importance to

know that the bourgeoisie is not monolithic: from this follows that we must learn how to ally tactically with those bourgeoisies that want multipolarism and do not want to obey NATO.

In Switzerland (and in most countries of the world actually) we are not yet at the stage of socialist revolution, we are at the stage of aggregating all political forces that can work toward the same goal. The Chinese Communist Party understood this by reforming and opening up 40 years ago, which made it possible to develop the productive forces to the maximum. This makes in turn possible today, for a fundamentally socialist country like China, to have the strength to counter the Atlantic bloc. Instead, we who are not ruling parties, must develop to the maximum our united front of truly patriotic political forces, avoiding sectarianism and accepting that the bourgeoisie is not monolithic and therefore we can exploit its internal contradictions. We should always keep in mind the difference between strategy and tactics.

Understanding the current historical phase, and consequently developing appropriate strategies of struggle, is perhaps the main task of any genuine revolutionary. And the current historical phase sees as its main contradiction the clash between Euro-American imperialist hegemony and the Eurasian multipolar order, not the one between capitalist and socialist countries. To read reality on the basis of the latter dualism is to have remained stuck in the previous historical phase, that of the Cold War. Misunderstanding the current phase can only lead to catastrophic results. On the contrary, the right assessment of the primary contradiction of our era is the key to the success of the class struggle in the 21st century.

'A Systemic Crisis of The Capitalist Mode of Production Is Sweeping All Countries'

Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain | Spain
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Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the entire Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain PCPE, of the Central Committee and our SG Julio Diaz, I send you a fraternal greeting and our congratulations for the organization and holding of this

international conference. At the same time, we greet all the international delegations present.

At a time when we are witnessing a growing escalation of warmongering by the U.S.A. and the countries nucleated around NATO, sometimes directly, other times covertly and hidden behind satellite states, for example Ukraine, against more and more countries. Initiatives aimed at advancing anti-imperialist positions that seek

the construction of a broad World Anti-imperialist Front are necessary and correct.

In the development of a complex multifaceted war aimed at defending, above all other considerations, its unsustainable hegemonic position, Western imperialism has placed Humanity in the first stages of World War III. A confrontation against the sovereignty of all peoples who, increasingly, oppose its expired imperial mandate and, from a multipolar space under construction -not exempt of contradictions, but more and more determinant-and who no longer assume the vassalage imposed by Western capitalism since the first moments of the original accumulation.

An imperialist aggression which is no longer unanswered and which, even with multiple active fronts, is today being fought mainly in the Donbass in the framework of NATO's aggression against Russia's sovereignty and the latter's defensive response.

Imperialist violence and its irrational existence, once again, places humanity on the brink of destruction and environmental collapse, for the sole reason of sustaining the primacy of capital over any other social consideration.

Humanity urgently requires the broadest call for peace and the defense of the sovereignty of the peoples in the context of the anti-imperialist struggle and the defense of nature. To advance it, recovering the social leading position of the masses, necessarily focuses the debate on POWER and which class needs peace and which needs war.

For the most consistent and conscious revolutionary camp, peace and anti-imperialism go hand in hand with socialism and workers' power.

A systemic crisis of the capitalist mode of production is sweeping all countries. Unemployment, misery and hunger are on the rise again, almost all the economies of

the world began to contract more or less simultaneously since 2019, in the monopoly banks an enormous surplus of fictitious capital is accumulated that exceeds the real international capital dozens of times, the health systems has collapsed in almost all countries in the face of a virus whose danger is not yet of the greatest, energy has become scarce even in the central countries, and behind all these and many other problems, the imperialist centers are planning a war to save themselves from the collapse of their international hegemony.

The general crisis of capitalism is of a structural nature and is determined by the current impossibility of reversing the trend of falling corporate profitability, as has been demonstrated, the monetarization of the economy and the globalization of capital is not a viable alternative to correct the economic laws of capital formation. The historical cycle initiated at Bretton Woods is coming to an end, headed by the countries that have led it throughout these decades. Nor is it viable, under these historical conditions of capitalist development, to maintain the generalized cycle of extended reproduction of capital. Reality will prove this again, with the practical failure of the current proclamations of the European bourgeois governments (among them the Spanish social democratic government) on technology and "green capitalism" to try to overcome the crisis of the capitalist system.

Capitalism has its historical limit and so does the planet, subjected to the impositions of Capital. But this historical limit of the capitalist system will only become a reality with the organization of the world proletariat led by scientific Marxism-Leninism.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the invitation and for offering us this platform from which to share our analyses with all of you.

'War On Imperialist War!'

Communist Network | Italy
Andrea Mencarelli

Dear comrades, we would like to thank the People's Democracy Party for organising this umpteenth meeting of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform and for the work done in recent months, together with the other communist political organisations, in promoting debate,

confrontation and mobilisation against imperialism and its barbarity.

This new appointment takes place in one of the outposts of Western imperialism in Asia, which with its brutality and violence has profoundly marked the political and social history of many countries in this hemisphere of the world. At the same time, it is precisely in these contexts that the peoples struggling

against the imperialist game have been able to impose class advances and inspirational historical victories for revolutionary communists around the world.

The fight against the military presence of the USA and NATO, the numerous military bases and thousands of soldiers in South Korea, can only find us united and in solidarity against what is to all intents and purposes a common enemy. Italy is a victim of military servitude, with over a hundred US/NATO military bases - some secret and others housing nuclear bombs - that have always been operational in the context of wars and geopolitical influence in our country.

The military escalation we are witnessing in Ukraine, in a war that Jens Stoltenberg himself has defined as a conflict between NATO and Russia, risks taking us further and further towards the abyss of global catastrophe. The sending of increasingly powerful and destructive weapons and the training of soldiers in the Ukrainian army demonstrate the co-participation of Western powers in this conflict that has been brewing since 2014. Merkel herself confessed that the Minsk agreements served to give Ukraine breathing space and strengthen it in order to relaunch the EU and NATO in the area. Recently, Josep Borrell, the EU foreign policy representative, declared that in Ukraine 'it is not the time for diplomacy and peace, but for weapons', reaffirming unconditional military support for the Kiev government and rejection of any peace proposal.

Today, China and Brazil - members of the BRICS - are among the main promoters at the international level of a concrete commitment to a diplomatic and peace solution, demonstrating that there is a counterweight to the geo-strategic dynamics and interests of the Euro-Atlantic bloc. The clash that is becoming ever sharper in this new historical phase is that between 'the garden and the jungle', to borrow Borrell's own racist and neo-colonial-sounding expression, which, however, fully embodies the difficulties and fears of the Western and imperialist powers in maintaining a hegemonic role in the world.

The flight of the US and its allies from Afghanistan in August 2021 marked the end of an era. We have entered a phase in sharp discontinuity with previous ones, which objectively breaks with capitalist globalisation. The phase in which we are operating is that of the exhaustion of the global growth margins, as a whole, of the Capitalist Mode of Production, i.e. of the historical reduction of the rate of profit with respect to the enormous financial

mass in circulation. This is what produces the hyper-competitiveness between capitalisms, which are the product of specific histories and interests.

This process that determines two main world 'blocs', in contradiction and conflict with each other, has only just begun in an obvious way and will continue, in a non-linear manner, in the coming years. If the Euro-Atlantic bloc is more homogeneous politically and ideologically as it is in continuity with colonialism and historically hegemonic imperialism, we see an alternative area that is more inhomogeneous, first and foremost in its political character as it is built on economic and trade relations, but which manifests a common interest in cooperative integration and de-dollarisation, with subjects that call themselves outside imperialist hegemony.

As Gramsci stated almost a hundred years ago, 'the crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old dies and the new cannot be born: in this interregnum the most varied morbid phenomena occur'. If, on the one hand, the trend towards war represents the only attempt to overcome the structural crisis of the Capitalist Mode of Production, on the other hand, the basic conditions are being created for a multipolar - and possibly 'multilateral' - system at the trade, monetary and political level, diametrically opposed to the military and monetary domination of imperialism.

After decades of the hegemony of advanced capitalist countries, the entry into the field of emerging economies traceable to the 'enlarged' BRICS area and the contextual and repeated economic, pandemic, and environmental crises have produced tensions, clashes, and conflicts that have led to a breakdown of the previously unified world market. The ongoing war, incubated for years in asymmetrical wars and sanctions waged by Western imperialisms - by the US above all - has reappeared as a possible rupture of an equilibrium based on US hegemony and unilateralism. The need to break with the hegemony of the dollar in world transactions and to escape the interference of the Western powers has seen a growing push to question international relations.

Communists must be able to understand the tendential and contradictory trend of historical processes to give strength, direction and depth to political, social, trade union and ideological action within the ongoing class conflict. This requires an effort of theoretical analysis that is not limited to 'photographing the present', but which aims to understand the contradictions and aspects of the historical transition we are experiencing and in

which we are called to act. Against the militarisation of society and the war-mongering ideology, on the one hand, and the social massacre imposed from above on the working classes, on the other, it is the task of the

communists to strengthen the organisational structures to stop internal and external war.

War on imperialist war!

‘The Transition To Socialism Can Ensure A Dignified and Free Life For All Humankind’

Italian Communist Party | Italy

Sandro Scardigli

Ukraine is the battleground where the future shaping of global balances is at stake.

The U.S. is aiming for a military defeat of the Russian Federation, which would eliminate its character as a world power and reduce it once again to a land of conquest for the West, as it was in Boris Yeltsin's time. The next step would be the political-military encirclement of China, the main danger to U.S. unipolarity.

Anti-Chinese provocations on Taiwan should be seen as part of the preparation of North American and European public opinion for confrontation with the People's Republic of China, the main threat to the U.S. attempt to maintain world supremacy.

The increasing number of Ukrainian attacks against the territory of the Russian Federation, the attacks organized by the Ukrainian intelligence services against Russian intellectuals and personalities, the drones detonated over the Kremlin, are part of the Kiev Banderite regime's attempt to foster a military climbdown under the illusion that it can win the war.

The Communist Party of Italy, aware of the real risk that a military escalation of the conflict could lead to a nuclear war, calls for an immediate cease-fire; an end to the sending of arms to Ukraine by the Italian and other European governments; and the start of peace talks as soon as possible, with the role and wise proposals of the Chinese government as a fundamental basis.

We communists fight for Italy's exit from NATO and the dissolution of this imperialist military political bloc.

Internationally, the struggle is between the imperialist states that, together with their allies, are acting so that the world of the 21st Century will be unipolar led by the U.S. and those forces, of which the Communist Party of China and the government of the People's Republic are

the highest expression, that are working to build a new multipolar world balance based on new and democratic relations between nations and peoples, which favor their free self-determination and economic relations based on mutual benefit.

In this framework, the revitalization and strengthening of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa), whose Gross Domestic Product is about 25 percent of the world's, and their enlargement to include other countries is crucial.

Lula's election victory in Brazil is a key step in this direction.

China and Brazil have entered into an agreement under which Brazilian exporters will no longer have to use the dollar for trade transactions with Beijing.

The BRICS are working on a new common currency.

Even though the media hides this and other such news, these are fundamental events that are laying a concrete foundation for the creation of a multipolar world.

Taiwan is not and should not become an independent state; it is part of China. Repeated provocations by the U.S. are an incitement to separatist and secessionist forces.

The PRC has always supported the case for peaceful reunification with Taiwan under the “one nation, two systems” policy through which high autonomy is granted to Taipei.

Since Beijing was admitted to the UN and joined the Security Council, the entire international community recognizes it as China's only legitimate government.

In fact, the U.S. is challenging international legality based on the centrality of the UN.

The Italian Communist Party expresses its closeness and solidarity with the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party, stressing that the “one China” principle should not be questioned, and calls on the Italian government to defend this principle in all international fora.

In addition, the PCI calls on Italian social and political forces to commit themselves to defending China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, against any attempt at outside interference by extremist and separatist forces, which would only lead the world toward the abyss of a new global war.

The U.S. and its agents are capable of anything to defend the fundamental interests of imperialist capitalism, and this has been amply demonstrated throughout history and even today.

The workers and people of South Korea have experienced firsthand that "liberal and democratic principles" are trampled underfoot and drowned in blood when people demand true freedom and democracy. In

May 1980 in Gwangju thousands of people, men women and even children, were massacred by the dictatorship enslaved to U.S. interests. We these days remember their sacrifice in the knowledge that only the defeat of humanity's main enemy, U.S.-led imperialist capitalism, and the transition to socialism can ensure a dignified and free life for all humankind.

We wish the comrades and comrades of the People's Democratic Party of Korea well. We support their struggle against the outbreak of war in East Asia.

The Korean people have the right to live in a united Korea, free from foreign domination and founded on the democracy of the workers and the masses of the people.

'A Strong Global Anti-Imperialist Front Against The Spread of War and Points The Finger At Its Main Perpetrators'

Pole of Communist Revival in France | France

Yannick Duterte

Communism orphaned by a great international movement

The Communist International was dissolved on 15 May 1943 as a concession to the Allies in the context of the Second World War. However, it was not reconstituted following the outbreak of the Cold War, an important mistake or limitation of the International Communist Movement (ICM) and the Soviet leadership at the time. Its existence allowed the member parties to remain united despite their many differences and defined unambiguously what it meant to be a communist.

For almost 80 years now, the world proletariat has no longer had an International (CI) and its member organisations have become increasingly divided. Attempts have been made to rebuild the ICM, the first step towards a real International, and these initiatives have been widely supported by the PRCF, which has been associated in particular with the European Initiative of Communist and Workers' Parties and which has long participated in this space, which is today increasingly emptied of its substance and seems to be reaching a dead end.

An MCI divided and weakened by a sectarian drift

The current situation of systemic crisis of capitalism

and imperialist war on a global scale has further aggravated these divisions, polarising around several main lines which seem less and less reconcilable. There are those who are no longer communist in name only and who have become relays of the Western socio-democrats such as the Eurocommunists associated with the P“ C ”F- PGE, which did not hesitate on 30 November to vote for NATO's war credits in the French National Assembly.

In recent years a dangerous concept has emerged among the attempts to rebuild the ICM, which we shall call lineageism. The International is the party of all the working classes, and the communist parties are its members. They share fundamental principles, notably that of democratic centralism, which makes it possible to build a common line through debate. Lignism consists in denying this necessity by positing a given political line before any debate, and then trying to rebuild the International only with the parties following this line.

This conception of internationalism - which runs counter to history, in particular that of the Third, which was able to adapt its line on several occasions according to the world context - would amount, on a national scale, to building the party of the working class on a fixed line, between a handful of militants all in agreement, without ever allowing internal debate.

What's more, the founding of the CI was based on the support of a powerful Communist Party that ran

the world's first socialist state, the CPSU. Today there is no CP that can claim to impose its line or to have the necessary weight to do so: the only result can only be to divide the ICM even further at a time when it would be imperative to be more united than ever around the great questions of our century - notably the opposition to the imperialist war unleashed by the US-NATO bloc which could well devolve into nuclear war of annihilation! And we are told that this is not a priority? What will be the possibilities of emancipation of the proletariat if the planet is destroyed? When will socialism be possible if we are sent back to the stone age, as the great socialist scientist Einstein warned over 80 years ago?

This sectarian drift is particularly harmful for communist reconstruction. In most European countries, where some historical parties have tilted towards Eurocommunism and then inevitably towards social democracy, the question of rebuilding strong parties is still open. In this context, the idea of accepting only a fixed line as a principle is more conducive to the proliferation of small groups than to the gathering of the proletariat. The support of a foreign CP to a quasi-non-existent organisation has only ever advanced its virtual presence in militant circles, and never its implantation in the working class. These divisionary and sectarian practices seem closer to leftism as defined by Lenin than to Marxist-Leninist revolutionary praxis.

Lignism tends to lump all those who disagree with it together, whether they are social democrats, leftists or communists on a different line. This confusion is irresponsible because it completely ignores the differences in context that can exist between different countries by simply talking about a "global stage of capitalism" that would be the same everywhere. While erasing in front of a sacred line the principles that have united communists for more than a century, it forbids any compromise in a struggle that would not be carried by them, that is to say any front strategy. Should the communists thus abandon support for the Palestinian people, on the pretext that its current leadership is not socialist? Should we remain silent in the face of the neo-colonialism to which too many African countries are still subjected today, since their liberation movements no longer claim to be Marxist-Leninist? Should we stop supporting the just struggle of the peoples of America who are constantly attacked by imperialism?

The global anti-imperialist platform

The need to revive a Communist International should not make us forget the concrete analysis of the concrete situation. Today, world peace is threatened more than it has been for several decades, and the absolute urgency is to stop the military escalation launched by the main threat, namely the EU-NATO bloc, to which the "Franco-European" capitalist class totally subscribes, towards a possible war of systematic destruction. It is hard to see how communist parties and organisations in Europe, such as the PRCF, would support "their bourgeoisie" in opposing imperialist war and NATO. This accusation can only be directed against the Russian communists and other communist parties who have decided to support their state in an anti-imperialist or at least anti-hegemonic perspective and it is up to them to respond to its attacks.

It is in this framework that the participation of the PRCF in the World Anti-Imperialist Platform from the Paris declaration to the last conference held in Caracas, Venezuela in March this year. The platform lays the foundations for a strong global anti-imperialist front against the spread of war and points the finger at its main perpetrators, the US-NATO imperialist bloc. Within this anti-imperialist front, there are organisations and parties that do not claim to be communist. Could we speak of an anti-imperialist front if there were only communists? In that case it would be a mere duplicate of the ICM. The essence of a front is to bring together broad forces to defend the same objective which serves the interests of the working class and the peoples of the world, in this case the opposition to the imperialist war and the need to impose a defeat on the most dangerous and decadent imperialist bloc, that of the US-NATO. This was the same strategy employed by the USSR and the CI in joining forces with the Anglo-Saxon imperialists against the fascist Axis bloc, without ever idealising or underestimating them. From this strategic choice came the Great Victory against Fascism and the greatest known extension of socialism on the planet, which some countries still claim to be their own.

It is difficult to compare and even equate Putin's capitalist Russia, whose GDP is equivalent to that of Spain and which is fighting on its own borders, with the US-NATO, which has the largest military budget on the planet and in history and more than 800 military bases, while illegally occupying dozens of countries such as Syria, where more than 80% of the oil is plundered by the US army and its mercenaries, as The Guardian

newspaper recently acknowledged. It is difficult to compare the revival of fascism by the US and the European bourgeoisies in Ukraine and the rest of the continent with the occasional presence of reactionary elements in some capitalist states such as Russia, although this should not be denied.

Leftism always shuns concrete analysis and takes refuge in generalities. Sectarianism denies the working class the use of tactics and strategy. Everything must be on the same level without nuances, without compromises, without alliances, in short without any real revolutionary movement. We should therefore sit back and only hope that the working class will make the revolution right away, all by itself, because it has no allies, we are told. These conceptions have been defended before by a certain Leon Trotsky during the great October revolution. And we know how that ended up... Similarly, it is wrong to base our analysis on a simple copy and paste of the situation in 1914-18. Our analysis must start from the present concrete situation and seek ways to advance the revolutionary process on the basis of the material and not the platonic conditions of the present moment. All this will have to be clarified by a consequent theoretical work.

The internationalist positioning of the PRCF

The PRCF is engaged in the world anti-imperialist platform with many communist parties, some of which

are very close to our positions, such as the CPEC, the Yugoslav NPC (NKPJ), the People's Democratic Party of Korea and many others.

The initiative for the platform came from our comrades in the Democratic People's Party of the Republic of Korea, a massive sister party in South Korea, whose character could not be doubted in view of the hard struggle they are waging at home for the liberation and reunification of their homeland against capitalism/imperialism.

At a time when the ICM is divided, the platform has also provided a space for direct exchanges and meetings between communist parties which is therefore very important for consolidating the international strategy of communists.

The PRCF will participate in all the spaces it considers relevant to the progress of the reconstruction of the ICM and of a Communist International worthy of the name, as well as in the fronts necessary to defend the vital interests of the working class and our people, against capitalism-imperialism, without ever seeking to impose its views or to divide as some do

But it is necessary to carry out a theoretical clarification of the concept of imperialism and the danger of leftist drift in historical moments for the world history of the working class, in the face of the prevarications of Marxist-Leninist theory, of which we lay claim.

‘The Task Of The Anti-Imperialist Forces Is To Attract A Significant Part of The Working Class To Their Side’

Russian Communist Workers' Party | Russia

Dmitri Kuzmin

Dear comrades!

The Russian Communist Workers' Party welcomes the participants to the IARP International Conference in Seoul and wishes the delegates a successful meeting!

We are witnessing how inter-imperialist contradictions and competition for control over natural energy resources, for energy transportation routes and for market domination are intensifying all over the world in the context of the deepening general crisis of capitalism. As Marxist-Leninist theory teaches us and historical practice confirms, these contradictions are resolved

either in the interests and in favor of the strongest imperialist predator, resolved not only economically, but also by direct military means, as evidenced by the hostilities in Ukraine since 2014, the growing tension on the Korean peninsula, around Taiwan and in other regions of the world. Alternatively, these contradictions can lead to the emergence of a revolutionary situation in individual countries, to the destruction of the existing world system of imperialism and the emergence of a new configuration in the international arena. The outcome, among other things, will also depend on the degree of influence of the conscious factor on the processes going on in the world, that is, on our correct understanding of the content of the unfolding events and the choice of the

right tactics or methods of practical policy in the labor movement and in the protest movement of the popular strata.

Our party regards the situation in Ukraine as a war of US and NATO imperialism against the Russian Federation and its allies at the hands of Zelensky's fascist regime by pumping it full of arms, financial and political support, and increasing involvement of mercenaries.

At the same time, we do not absolve the Russian bourgeois class of any blame for bringing the country to this conflict. Ultimately, the reason is the counterrevolution that took place in the USSR and the establishment of capitalism in the republics, which had previously brought wars to the former republics of the Union (Sumgait, Karabakh, Transnistria, Tajikistan, Chechnya, Abkhazia, Ossetia, ... Donbass). Today the tragedy in Ukraine is being played out. But the ongoing Special Military Operation for Russia and the Donbass is in many ways forced, defensive and just.

We believe it is unequivocally proven by practice that there is real living fascism in Ukraine, supported by the United States and NATO in order to pit it against Russia. These fascists recognize themselves as followers of Hitler's World War II Nazi associates (Bandera, Shukhevich, etc.) These Nazi collaborators are now elevated by the Kiev authorities to the rank of national heroes, with streets and city squares named after them. On the contrary, everything connected with the Soviet and even pre-revolutionary (tsarist) period of the history of our once united and common country is under the strictest prohibition. Along with monuments to Communist and Soviet prominent figures, monuments to representatives of Russian culture and recognized geniuses of human civilization are demolished. The mass burning by the Nazis of their opponents, supporters of good neighborly relations with Russia, has not yet been disclosed. Recall that this happened in Odessa on Kulikovo Field and in the House of Trade Unions on May 2, 2014 (48 people were burned alive and killed with batons and gunshots). The revelations of this year were also the confessions of Merkel, Hollande, Poroshenko, Johnson and other leaders of the Western world that they never considered the Minsk agreements as a road to peace, but only used them to gain time to pump up the fascist forces, which once again confirms the necessity of the defensive reaction by Russia. The collective West, instead of solving problems peacefully, which it is loudly advocating, is only adding fuel to the fire! The supply of

weapons to Ukraine is growing and growing. The U.S. is literally "twisting the arms" of its allies, including South Korea, demanding more and more participation in the bloodbath.

As materialists, you and I cannot fail to see how, after the counterrevolution and the destruction of the Soviet Union, the imperialists of a handful of major states, led by the USA, began to act much more brazenly, unceremoniously, almost without regard for international law and world public opinion. It was the realization of the interests of this powerful bunch that organized the defeat of Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya, and unleashed the ongoing war in Syria. They assumed the right to determine the rogue nations, claiming their special responsibility for the fate of the world. At the same time, like Hitler's fascists, they hide behind the name of God.

The Russian Communist Party and its allies, based on Lenin's understanding of the essence of imperialism, based on the definition of fascism made by the Comintern, came out to describe this phenomenon - fascism in foreign policy, or as we often use in publicity figurative turn - "Fascism for export". In 2012. The Plenum of the Central Committee defined its position in assessing this phenomenon, and at an international meeting of solidarity parties, we introduced it to the sister parties. At that time, many comrades regarded our position as some kind of inflection, exaggeration of the danger. Some even said it was bourgeois theory. We think that time has shown that our assessments were correct. Fascism in foreign policy is today an increasingly common practice of the US and its allies. Through foreign expansion, imperialism seeks a way out of internal difficulties and crisis.

Today US imperialism, having pitted the former fraternal peoples of Russia and Ukraine against each other in a war, is solving the problem of strengthening its position in the markets of Europe and the world. The story of the fight against gas supplies from Russia alone, the explosion of gas pipelines on the bottom of the Baltic Sea, explains a lot. US imperialism is the main beneficiary of this situation. They would love to ignite hotbeds of war away from their own continent, including on the Korean Peninsula, around Taiwan, and in other regions.

U.S. and NATO imperialism is bringing the world to a new great war. Today, German tanks with Nazi crosses on their armor are once again crossing Ukrainian soil.

There is a real possibility of a wider war, up to and including nuclear conflict. The united imperialist bloc led by the United States has openly declared the goal of the military, economic and political defeat of Russia. Preferably with its dismemberment into several parts. We believe that Russia repeating the fate of Yugoslavia, Iraq or Libya in no way corresponds to the interests of the working class of Russia, Ukraine and the world. We consider the positions of some parties, which place equal responsibility on the warring parties, to be modern opportunism, which diverts public attention from understanding and responsibility of the main aggressor. These errors are caused by a misinterpretation of Lenin's theory of imperialism and a rejection of the legacy of the Comintern in defining and understanding fascism.

There is no cure for Fascism. There is no cure by persuasion. This abscess is only removed. Fascism must be fought here and now with all forces and allies. Fascism can only be finally eliminated by ending its cause - capitalism. (It is for this reason that the RCP considers the confrontation of Russia and China with the main danger - fascism generated by American imperialism and NATO - a positive phenomenon, but does not consider the bourgeois RF and today's PRC as carriers of the idea of the struggle for socialism for the world workers' movement)

We call on the participants of the MAIP to explain this situation to the workers of their countries, to direct their common efforts not just against the war but to the suppression of living fascism, with the further prospect of the development of the anti-fascist struggle into a struggle for socialism. You and I have the rich experience

of the Comintern, its tactics of the United Worker's Front and the Anti-Fascist Popular Fronts, which are dialectically linked and in the process of struggle pass from one to the other. The task of the anti-imperialist forces is to attract a significant part of the working class to their side. Without the support of the working class, including its trade union organizations, it is not only impossible to crush imperialism, but even to stop the escalation of local and regional conflicts into a third world war.

We propose that the IAIP organizations adopt the Comintern's tactics in the struggle against fascism and begin to draw the most active part of the working class to their side by establishing ties with trade union organizations and coordinating common joint actions. We propose that the next MAIP conference be held with an enlarged membership, with the participation of activists of trade union and labor movement from different countries, in order to achieve a common understanding of the main danger in the world today coming from US imperialism, which in turn is an inevitable consequence of capitalism. The involvement of trade union and labor movement representatives in the work of the MAIP will broaden our audience and make it easier to carry out a common anti-imperialist agitation in the working class and in the popular strata, using the examples of the present life problems of the workers of each country.

Let's oppose the onslaught of reaction with progressive revolutionary change!

We are in the same class formation!

Let us not falter on our chosen path!

Strategy and Tactics Of Anti-imperialist Forces In The Modern Geopolitical Situation

Communist Party of Kyrgyzstan | Kyrgyzstan

Klara Azhybekova

Dear comrades! We are very grateful to the organizers for inviting us to such an important and interesting forum! We are glad to meet you on the gracious historical land of Korea! We Kyrgyz are Huns! As you all know, according to the data of historians, up to the 1st century A.D. they moved from the Carpathians to the Yellow Sea, from the West to the East, then

back from the East to the West! Koreans a certain part practiced shamanism, Buddhism! The Kyrgyz in their historical past, being nomads, also practiced shamanism, Tengriism superimposed on it, there were also Buddhists! By this excursion into the past, I want to tell you that there are similarities between our peoples, and there is unity in our culture! I am glad with all my heart that I can see and be in touch with the brotherly Korean people, their culture, history and peculiar nature so closely!

Comrades! Today the world is in a dangerous geopolitical situation! We all know from the dialectics of life that nothing stands still, both nature and society, and human consciousness itself too! The history of the development of mankind has shown that it has already changed many times from one type of society to another type of society. Today, mankind has been living in a capitalist system since the late 15th and early 16th centuries in its various forms, depending on ethnic features, geography, economic culture, specifics of the social and spiritual sphere! But the EXACT nature of capitalism is the same! Today it has reached the highest stage of its development - imperialism! Any new thing, when it turns out, grows old, decrepit and perishes! In its place arises the new, with the preservation of the progressive elements of the old! Capitalism, too, has grown old and tired in its irreconcilable contradictions, it has reached the highest heights in the scientific-technical, informational progress in the imperialist stage and is already suffocating in its social, spiritual-moral, political and interstate development! The international political organization of society has collapsed!

2. After all, what is the point of man's existence? Why does he live? To what should he dedicate his life? From the position of common sense man and humanity should devote their lives so that it became better, more perfect, filled with noble goals, purer, more moral! So that people all over the Earth can breathe freely, honestly and with dignity look each other in the eye, be faithful and loyal to their people, their Fatherland and as much as possible develop it further! In order to develop society, it is necessary to develop oneself in all its manifestations! For this purpose it is necessary to master knowledge, sciences, to understand and know the laws of development of society, nature and oneself! Then man and mankind can develop the highest spiritual relations, the highest production, the highest music and culture, the highest science and aesthetics! The highest attitude towards other people and humanity, the highest attitude towards other nations and other ethnic groups! After all, it is more interesting to live this way, with the deepest meaning and purest thoughts! Can humanity reach such a level of development? Undoubtedly it can! But this is hindered by huge obstacles!

Strategy of human development - to socialist further to communist civilization!

3. What are the obstacles to further progressive development of mankind in the current geopolitical

situation? - It is the total dictate of private psychology in the world! These are exactly the signs of decaying capitalism-imperialism! Why is it so? Because all over the world it turned out that under imperialism both material and spiritual forms of ownership are totally monopolized in the hands of a very narrow circle of people who begin to rule the entire world and give out their standards of life the most necessary and most correct to date! And it is difficult to change their minds in a different opinion! Why? Because all the power in the world is in their hands: the property of the world, the entire financial system, all the media, all the international organizations that should be promoting democracy, human rights fall under the influence of the richest people in the world! There is the concept of the deep state, the concept of the Anglo-Saxons, the collective West, the NATO military bloc! After the destruction of the Soviet Union, the world became UNIPOLAR, where an extremely reactionary process began, where the richest country, living mainly through the exploitation of other states, the USA, began to dictate its will to all other countries! The result is a total destruction of the international political organization of society to the extreme! For some reason one power decided that it could do anything! That's how they destroyed Yugoslavia! They turned blooming states like Iraq, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria into deserts! Now they're using Ukraine to wage war on Russia! All these states have been looted and turned into regions of humanitarian disaster! Why? Who gave them such a right? Why did they think they were allowed to do that? Unfortunately, the world sees, though who wants to see, that in modern imperialism fascism, segregation, racism, pedophilia, mental illness, drug trafficking and addiction, homosexuality and transgenderism are flourishing! They are becoming almost state policy in certain European states and in the U.S.! Why are sanctions against states that have independent policies becoming more and more widespread? Why is this necessary? - The world has a huge amount of nuclear weapons, biological weapons, tectonic and electronic weapons! The U.S. has hundreds of bacteriological, chemical laboratories around the world, ready at any moment to use them on people! Mankind is also facing an ecological catastrophe! - There is a Special Military Operation of Russia against all collective fascism of the West on the territory of Ukraine! - There are U.S. attempts to start a war in Taiwan! There is also an attempt to destabilize the situation between the DPRK and the Republic of Korea, to pit one brotherly

nation against another! Naturally, Japan is also sought to be used for its militaristic purposes!

4. In these pre-agonal conditions of imperialism, when it is seized by death spasms and humanity is hurtling towards its death with cosmic speed, what is the progressive part of humanity to do? Sit back and think that the curve will take us somewhere? No! Such a trend must not be allowed to develop. Humanity must move forward with open eyes to prosperity, to stop the destruction of humanity and all life on earth! How, by what means, by what mechanisms?

5. To use all the progressive potential of the Planet and stop this lawlessness! The instinct of self-preservation is already working! The Military Special Operation of Russia in response to the brazen attacks of the fascist Banderites led by the USA, who have been killing people in the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics for almost 8 years, has begun! - A cardinal leap towards progressive processes is the visit of the President of the People's Republic of China, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Mr. Xi Jinping, to the Russian Federation and all the decisions they have made! This is a very important positive fact in counteracting the Western extremely reactionary dictate in the world!

6. The Arab states are beginning to pursue a unified policy as well! The world anti-imperialist platform, the international coalition against the NATO bacteriological laboratories, the communist and worker parties in Russia, in the world in general, the free trade unions, especially in the west, are beginning to work together, because the lives of the working masses are getting harder and harder, including the sanctions against Russia.

There is an objective consolidation of progressive, anti-imperialist forces in the world! On the one hand, this is

the natural instinct of self-preservation of the healthy part of humanity against the extreme anomalies of imperialism, leading humanity to self-destruction! We believe and all South-East Asia, the Korean peninsula too will go the way of consolidation against fratricidal wars, against the anti-human actions of the top Western countries led by the USA! Imperialism must be replaced or converted gradually into SOCIALISM, perhaps through transitional stages as in the People's Republic of China or immediately radically convert private property into public property! If I say about my own Kyrgyz Republic, I can say about a number of positive anti-imperialist phenomena: the NATO military base was withdrawn from Kyrgyzstan calmly and legally! Then, a small country with a population of about 7 million people took back its enormous gold mine Kumtor from the Canadians into the ownership of the people of Kyrgyzstan! It prevented the construction of a bacteriological laboratory on its territory by NATO and the United States! Finally, at the constitutional level, it introduced the structure of the People's Kurultai which will control all branches of state power at the local and central levels! Its first Congress was held and for two days all branches of the Supreme State listened to the people, their assessment of the performance of the authorities headed by the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of Parliament! People's Kurultai acts on a voluntary basis! We hope that the role of the people's masses in arranging their lives will increase until we bring back socialism and the Soviet Union! We wish new successes in realization of our common tasks! Happiness and prosperity to all and to you and to the Republic of Korea in democratizing social processes for the benefit of the interests of the working masses and the nations. With deep respect and appreciation for the reception!

No to Fascism! Resist US-led War!

Belgium Korea Friendship Association | Belgium

Immediately after the overthrow of the Soviet Union in 1991, the US Department of Defense decided that the principal goal of the US' relations with Russia and the former Soviet states was: to reduce their military forces, to enlarge Nato in eastern Europe. In the beginning this was hidden behind words of "peace and cooperation".

The geo-strategy of USA-imperialism was explained the first time openly in the book "The grand chessboard" of US-presidential advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski in the year 1997.

"The US policy goal to perpetuate America's own dominant position, to exercise America's global primacy, to be the first, and the only global superpower, and to remain as the last global superpower". Given the central

position of Eurasia (Europe and Asia): “To prevent the emergence of the dominant and antagonistic Eurasian power—challenging America—remains central to America’s capacity to exercise global primacy”.

The main competitor of the US dominating position is China. On the east China is countered by the military alliance of USA, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. This alliance permits the USA to encircle and attack China from Taiwan and from South Korea (the THAAD-missiles that can reach targets 2000km deep in Chinese territory). It also permits to cut China’s import (of petrol) and export to the west, without which the Chinese economy cannot survive.

Brzezinski: “China might be much more tempted to resolve the issue of Taiwan by force, irrespective of America’s attitude. America, probably backed by Japan, would react adversely to any Chinese efforts to gain predominance in Korea and to incorporate Taiwan by force.”

“Any significant change- in South Korea’s status, through unification and/or through a shift into an expanding Chinese sphere of influence, would necessarily alter dramatically America’s role in the Far East. A reunified Korea may choose not to perpetuate American military protection.

“Potentially, the most dangerous scenario would be a grand coalition of China, Russia, and perhaps Iran, an “anti-hegemonic” coalition.

China would likely be the leader and Russia the follower. Averting this contingency will require a display of U.S. geostrategic skill on the western, eastern, and southern perimeters of Eurasia simultaneously.”

From the West of China, it’s main partner Russia has to be weakened. Therefore: “Europe also serves as the springboard for the progressive expansion”. It is “America’s essential geopolitical bridgehead on the Eurasian continent”. “Expansion of NATO to include Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, Baltic republics, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, and Slovakia. Then: also Sweden and Finland also. Eventually, Ukraine: somewhere between 2005 and 2010, Ukraine will gradually be drawn into the special Franco-German-Polish relationship. America’s central geostrategic goal in Europe: to consolidate the U.S. bridgehead on the Eurasian continent so that an enlarging Europe can become a more viable springboard into Eurasia.

This whole strategy, formulated already in 1997, was executed, carried out, step by step.

Already in the year 1997 the enterprise “Kvartal 95 KVN team” was founded and produced television programs. The founders were Andrew Roth (working at the US Navy military Intelligence Agency), Shaun Walker (lived 10 years in Russia, the Guardians correspondent for Eastern Europe, linked to British intelligence service) and Volodomir Zelenski, later president of Ukraine. In the year 2003 Kvartal was already a real Television Studio. From 2015 to 2018 it produced a television serial called “Servant of the People”. The leading role was played by Zelenski. He played an honest, modest, humble Ukrainian, who criticized corruption, and took part in the elections and was elected president of Ukraine. His style of acting was followed up and brought to perfection. One year later, in 2019 there were elections. Ukrainian people wanted to stop the war and hated president Poroshenko, therefore. Zelenski promised to stop the war and was elected. But 14 days after his elections he continued the bombing of the Donbas region.

In 2016 the US supported a pro-US trial of regime change in Ukraine, but it failed. The conclusion was: to support pro-US social media financially and to contact extreme right bands. In December 14th 2013 US senator John McCain met in Kiev Oleh Tyahnibok. McCain became later chairman of the US Senate Armed Services Committee. Oleh Tyahnibok was chairperson of “Svoboda”, extreme right political party, linked with nazi-symbols. In November 2013 the US financed and organized in Kiev the Maidan pro-fascist revolt against the pro-Russia Yanukovitch government. Therefore, The US mobilized therefore the most reactionary nationalist forces, adepts of Nazi collaborator in WWII, Stepan Bandera. In February 2014 these gangs destroyed government buildings, offices of communist and workers’ movement organizations, monuments of Lenin and remembering the Soviet Union, and overthrew the government. The new installed regime was fascist in its essence, Ukrainian in its forms, and American in its goals and policy. Especially in the East of Ukraine (Donbas, Mariupol, Odessa) the resistance grew and was met violently by Poroshenko, who became President May 25th. On May 2th, 2014, fascist gangs burnt 40 people alive in the Trade Unions building in Odessa. On March 16th, 2014, in a referendum more than 90% of the people of Crimea and Sevastopol voted for reunification with Russia. In Donbas a people’s revolt, led by the working class, especially miners and metal workers, chased

the fascist representatives, took the arms in police stations and army barracks, built barricades around the government buildings they occupied. On May 11th, 2014, in referenda 89% of the people of Donetsk and 96% of the people of Luhansk voted to find the independent People's Republic of Donetsk and the People's Republic of Luhansk. Poroshenko started a military campaign against Donbas, bombed there schools, hospitals, houses, electricity plants, which from 2014 to 2022 killed 14000 people. But nor he, nor the later president Zelynski were capable to take the capitals Donetsk and Luhansk from the Donbas freedom fighters.

In the People's Republic of Donetsk and the People's Republic of Luhansk, the people struggle in a just, defensive, liberating, legitimate, progressive war. The intervention of Russia is positive insofar Russia sustains on the territory of Donbas the liberation war and the existence of the Donetsk and Lugansk republics. On the international scene we observe the existence of two military alliances.

On one hand there is the aggressive, imperialist alliance led by US imperialism, containing 30 NATO countries and armies, and in East Asia also Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Against this alliance, on the other hand, a de facto, factual, military alliance of China, Russia, DPR of Korea, Iran, Syria, Belarus was formed, and reinforced after the US sanctions against Russia and China were installed. In the year 2001, June 15th, already, the Shanghai Co-operation Organization was founded with then China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan as members. Their first joint military exercises were held in 2003. On May 24th, 2022, an air task force composed of Russian Tu-95MS and Chinese H-6K strategic bombers conducted a joint air patrol over the waters of the Sea of Japan and the East China Sea.

The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) was founded May 15th, 1992. Since 1994 the members are Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. From January 5th to 11th 2022, CSTO-armies were deployed to Kazakhstan in response to attempts to overthrow the Kazakh government.

The military alliance between China and the DPRK

exists already from the start of the existence of the DPRK in 1945. After the military operations in Ukraine started in February 2022, the DPRK launched a ballistic missile off its east coast into the sea on 4 March 2022. The DPRK has taken a clear position in this US-led imperialist war:

“The US is gathering together its allies to dispatch a large number of mercenaries to Ukraine and is providing Ukraine with huge military equipment. Its purpose is to weaken Russia and realize its strategy for world hegemony by driving Ukraine to a fight with Russia. The international society, witnessing the grave situation resulted from the US clearly understands who is the main culprit and the peace wrecker disturbing stability and inviting wars all over the world. (March 23rd, 2022)”.

Besides the close military alliance against US imperialism, a worldwide alliance is formed. It appeared clearly on March 2nd, 2022, in the UN General Assembly vote on a resolution condemning Russia and demanding withdrawal of Russia military forces from Ukraine. 214 countries sustained the resolution, amongst which the USA and its allies of NATO, and Japan, Australia and South Korea. Five countries voted against: Russia, Belarus, Syria, the socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Eritrea. 52 countries expressed their resistance by abstaining or not taking part in the vote. Amongst them are all the socialist countries, Cuba, Vietnam, Laos and China. Remarkable is the huge number of African states, that expressed their disagreement by abstention: Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Morocco. From Latin America the Alba Countries as Venezuela, Nicaragua, El Salvador. In Asia the abstentions of Iran, India, Pakistan and even Iraq are remarkable.

The first responsibility of all the people in the world is to build a world-wide anti-fascist alliance, to resist the US-led war and to eliminate USA imperialism and NATO. This will open the perspective of a world of lasting durable peace, which is only possible when revolutions and socialism will have eliminated the source of war: capitalism and imperialism.

‘The Perfect Strategy For The Anti-Imperialist and Anti-Fascist Struggle In Venezuela’

United Socialist Party of Venezuela | Venezuela

Ricardo Molina

The empire has developed a method of warfare it has called “Total War in Times of Globalization”, in which the aggressor may be a state or non-state actor that plans and carries out direct or indirect, lethal or non-lethal, military or non-military activities that undermine the stability of other countries. This method has as a rule that there are no rules. Nothing is prohibited. This is how they see war in the age of globalization. Although it is less bloody, it is more brutal, and the ultimate goal of war remains the same: to force the enemy to yield to the interests of another.

Three levels of conflict are applied in this method:

1. Internal threats to political stability and sovereignty:
 - a. Economic destabilization and attack on the currency;
 - b. Coup d’état;
 - c. Territorial and political control through criminal organizations.
2. Generation of popular discontent:
 - a. To ensure that the government does not have the possibility of resolving the causes of discontent by restricting access to resources or sabotaging facilities.
 - b. Apply psychological warfare to confuse the people as to who their real enemy is and on whose side is the just struggle. Defeat us in the field of ideas such that the victims come to share and support the logic of their executioners.
3. Traditional or conventional warfare.
 - a. Maritime blockade in territorial waters.
 - b. Invasion of airspace.
 - c. Land invasion of sovereign territory.

All these modalities have been applied in Venezuela during the last 23 years, inducing a brutal devaluation of 2500% in 5 years, trying to overthrow the government through failed coups d’état in at least 10 opportunities, organizing, arming and financing criminal gangs to weaken productive zones and terrorize the population, sabotaging and affecting basic public services (water, electricity, gas, gasoline, telecommunications, public transportation), applying unilateral coercive measures to prevent the commercialization of oil and restricting the generation of wealth to solve the problems, freezing

our assets abroad, developing a campaign of lies about Venezuela in the world to discredit our government and our people, a very well-orchestrated psychological campaign to induce migration of our youth, an attempted invasion by land border from Colombia to Venezuelan territory by foreign forces in an act in which the presidents of Colombia, Chile and Paraguay participated directly, with the financing of foreign forces in an act in which the presidents of Colombia, Chile and Paraguay participated directly, Chile and Paraguay with the financing of the United States of America, attempted invasion by sea by U.S. mercenaries, who were captured by the organized people and the National Armed Forces, frequent provocative air incursions, which have been repelled by our Bolivarian Air Force. And many more actions that for reasons of time we do not expose here.

What to do?

To adapt our political, military, economic and cultural strategies and tactics to successfully confront this type of war, to clearly identify who the real enemy is, to raise to the maximum the unity of the people and our Will to Struggle to confront and defeat it.

Permanently build the unity of the patriots to develop a superior popular organization in all areas, prepared for the prolonged resistance of all the people.

Territorially through the Communal Councils, a novel structure of local government exercised by the people themselves; Local Supply and Production Committees (CLAP), made up of organized people who, together with the National Government, ensure the provision of food to the most vulnerable population; development of the System of Missions and Great Missions, to meet the most pressing needs of the population in the areas of health, education, housing, labor, public services, etc. Politically, through the organization of our United Socialist Party of Venezuela, which leads the revolutionary war with the presence of grassroots structures (in every street, in every community and around every voting center), intermediate structures (in every parish, municipality and state) and the national leadership, with President Maduro at the head, and in relation to the revolutionary parties of the world.

Militarily, with a Bolivarian National Armed Force present throughout the national territory, with its own

doctrine, anti-imperialist, at the service of the defense of national sovereignty, guaranteeing peace, strengthening the civil-military relationship in a permanent manner, forming a territorial militia integrated with the grassroots, capable of defending the people in each community, enforcing respect for our Constitution and establishing links with the armed forces of sovereign countries. Economically, by developing local production, adapting technologies to our needs, relying on allied countries and peoples to overcome the criminal imperial encirclement.

And culturally, with training to our people at all levels, to achieve the effective identification of the historical enemy and the threat it represents for our independence, sovereignty and for the happiness of our people, promoting as essential virtues intelligence, courage, humanism, credibility, honesty and loyalty, to achieve to act with love and deep affection towards the people, to understand their thinking, feelings and aspirations, and to always have an exemplary conduct.

All this is accompanied by the plan of struggle, which we have called the Plan for the Homeland, which contains all the necessary aspects for the construction of the new homeland, based on five historical objectives developed by our Commander Hugo Chávez:

Historical Objective No.1: To defend, expand and consolidate the most precious asset that we have

reconquered after 200 years: National independence.

Historical Objective No.2: To continue building Bolivarian socialism of the 21st century in Venezuela as an alternative to the destructive and savage system of capitalism and thereby ensure “the greatest possible happiness, the greatest possible social security and the greatest possible political stability” for our people.

Historical Objective No.3: To turn Venezuela into a social, economic and political power, within the great emerging power of Latin America and the Caribbean, which guarantees the creation of a zone of peace in Our America.

Historical Objective No.4: To contribute to the development of a new international geopolitics, in which the multicentric and pluripolar world takes shape, allowing the achievement of universal balance and to guarantee planetary peace.

Historical Objective No.5: Contribute to the preservation of life on the planet and the salvation of the human species.

AN ORGANIZED PEOPLE, A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, A REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, A REVOLUTIONARY PLAN AND LINKS WITH SISTER NATIONS, THE PERFECT STRATEGY FOR THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

‘The War In Ukraine Has Its Origins In The Expansionist Action Of The United States Via NATO’

Brazilian Communist Party | Brazil

Eduardo Gonçalves Serra

The Brazilian Communist Party greets the People's Democracy Party of Korea for holding its National Congress and greets all the participants of this important meeting.

In Brazil, we are experiencing the first hundred days of the Lula government, a broad coalition government that, in the presidential elections of October 2022, defeated, by a small margin of votes, president Bolsonaro and his alliance, which basically brought together fascists and conservative representations, with the support of a large part of the Brazilian bourgeoisie and popular segments. Lula was elected by a broad, anti-fascist

political coalition, including the left and sectors of the big bourgeoisie, which today make up the government, and had broad international support.

Right at the beginning of the mandate, on January 8th, the government faced an attempted coup d'état, with the occupation of public buildings in Brasília by organized groups of Bolsonaro supporters. The attempt was defeated but required a great effort from the government. Many coup plotters were arrested on the same day and leaders, financiers and supporters of the act, including the military, are being prosecuted. There was an intense demonstration by the left and democratic and anti-fascist sectors in the streets, in repudiation of the coup attempt. But the right and the extreme right remain active and organized, and the so-called Bolsonarism remains alive,

galvanizing part of the bourgeoisie and social segments of the middle and low-income classes.

The new government has been operating some emergency actions, such as the fight against illegal mining and deforestation in indigenous lands, in the resumption of institutional normality, under the limited bourgeois order. However, there are no prospects of abandoning liberal policies in the economy, nor of repealing the labor and social security counter-reforms implemented in recent years, nor of overcoming extreme poverty and misery, rural and urban, which predominate in the country, due to of the strong presence of business representatives in the government. However, more space is opened for the class struggle. There is a greater movement of the Landless Movement and localized struggles, but the more general mobilization of the working class is still low. The mobilization is a priority for the action of the communists.

In terms of external relations, the movements, declarations and commitments that have been undertaken by the new government are relevant, pointing to a repositioning of Brazil, which is back to participate in international organizations and conferences, such as the COP 27, held in Egypt, at the end 2022, already with the presence of Lula, even though he had not yet been sworn in. In Latin America, rapprochement with socialist Cuba and with reformist-progressive governments, such as those in Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Argentina, the return to CELAC and Unasur, and, pragmatically, the articulation and strengthening of Mercosur, which, in addition to Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela, also includes Uruguay and Paraguay, which today have conservative governments.

In Latin America, we are experiencing a wave of electoral victories of the democratic-reformist-progressive field over right-wing and extreme-right, neoliberal and authoritarian coalitions, also by small margins of votes, as in Argentina, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Honduras and Colombia, with significant popular mobilization. The new governments face many difficulties in carrying out their programs and, in Peru, a coup d'état removed the legitimately elected president, Pedro Castillo, from power. The coup has been contested by a large popular mobilization and Peru is a priority for action by the international right.

Lula's visit to China, in addition to the political implications such as the strengthening of the BRICS –

and the consequent loss of space for the United States – had important results.

The possibility of adopting the Yuan and other currencies to back trade and the flow of investments between the two countries, a standard that may be extended to the entire Brics, adds to the intention, already announced by Brazil, of adopting an accounting currency for operations within Mercosur, points to the loss of strength of the dollar and, consequently, of the power of imperialism in the region.

Moreover, the visit of Russian foreign minister Serguei Lavrov to Brazil strengthens the Brazilian position of neutrality in the face of the conflict in Ukraine, emphasizing that Brazil had already refused to supply ammunition and military equipment to NATO, contrary to a direct request from the USA. The Brazilian government had already announced this position of neutrality, reinforced during the visit to China. These movements signal an international stance of non-alignment by Brazil, reinforcing this international trend.

There is, however, no sign of a political or economic break with the United States – one of the first countries that Lula visited. Brazil's rapprochement with China is complex, as it brings benefits to sectors of the Brazilian bourgeoisie – such as export agribusiness – and to investments by private Chinese companies in Brazil, but we understand that the relations that China has been establishing with many countries in the world, with alliances such as the BRICS, instruments such as the Economic Belt Initiative, the New Silk Road and the recent Initiative for Modernization, even though they do not have a socialist content, contribute to the construction of a non-aligned international field and a multipolar world, with the decline in the weight of the United States on the international scene, creating a mediation that favors workers in the class struggle.

The PCB is opposed to the war in Ukraine, as the population in general suffers the most from wars, but recognizes that this war has its origins in the expansionist action of the United States via NATO as a way of encircling Russia and imposing its military presence and its influence in Europe, and in the actions of internal Nazi forces in Ukraine, mainly in the Donbas region, where Russian populations predominate.

In addition to this action, the US has been seeking new military alliances and trying to increase tension in different parts of the world, such as in the China Sea. At the same time, the extreme right has been reorganizing

internationally, as can be seen from the recent meeting in Madrid, which followed similar meetings in Brazil and Peru. The same movement of organization occurs with the traditional right.

For the PCB, at the same time that communists must intensify actions to denounce and combat imperialism, it is essential to strengthen actions to organize the anti-

capitalist struggle, understanding that capitalism is the root of imperialism, in all the ways it presents itself, and that only with the struggle of the working class and its victory over capital, in the perspective of the revolutionary construction of Socialism, a new era of social justice and human emancipation will begin.

The Necessary Anti-Imperialist Struggle

Communist Party of Argentina | Argentina

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We are witnessing on a daily basis the continuity of the capitalist crisis and its maximum exponent, US imperialism.

This situation deepens the view that the current world system is unstable, chaotic, endangers world peace and cannot be sustained in time as we know it.

The concentration of wealth, inequality, exclusion, hunger and unemployment, together with the effects of climate change, the unjust and speculative distribution of resources to alleviate the HIV/AIDS pandemic and the escalation of warfare provoked by NATO, confronts us with the urgent challenge of finding ways to overcome the conditions imposed by globalized financial capital that is leading all of humanity into the abyss.

This complex situation is taking place in the midst of a “naturalization” of the pandemic with thousands of contagions and deaths that continue to occur around the world.

A pandemic that not only has, as we know, health and economic consequences, but also on subjectivity, on the social and political fabric, whose dimensions are yet to be seen in depth.

In this context, the provocations by the USA and NATO against the Russian Federation have unleashed the conflict in Ukraine, a conflict that continues and has dangerous prospects for all humanity, and through which they seek to weaken the projection of a multilateral order and affect Russia as a power and as the main strategic ally of the People's Republic of China.

We must always bear in mind the threat posed by the permanent expansion and growth of NATO towards the Russian border after the collapse of the USSR. In 1991 NATO had 19 members, today it has 30 and aspires to further expansion.

On the basis of actions such as this, the US, as the head of a capitalist system in crisis, seeks to sustain its questioned hegemony, its dented unipolar domination, with provocations, destabilizations and military interventions as it has constantly done throughout the 20th century and this 21st century.

In this strategy, manipulation carried out through the media and the falsification of history that has led to this situation plays a central role.

From Latin America and the Caribbean, as historically vital spaces for the U.S. in the construction of its world hegemony, we can give ample examples of these interference policies, carried out by the U.S. and its allies, through, for example, the unilateral sanctions implemented against Cuba and Venezuela, the aggressions against Nicaragua, the constant promotion of destabilizing policies within the framework of the so-called “soft coups” and the occupation of the Malvinas, South Georgias and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, where there is a NATO base, administered by the United Kingdom.

Today, a new international order is being disputed in the world. A dispute between unilateralism and multilateralism.

In this context, relations with China, Russia and the blocs and agreements they are promoting politically, commercially and financially, appear for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean as alternatives to the pressures and conditions of the U.S. and the international organizations it controls, such as the International Monetary Fund.

We insist, in order to analyze the dimension and characteristics of the imperialist offensive on Latin America and the Caribbean, we must take into account the global context in which it is taking place, marked by the continuity of the greatest crisis in the history of capitalism.

A crisis that encompasses financial, energy, cultural and economic aspects, with strong consequences in humanitarian, environmental and food terms for a large part of humanity.

These factors, as a whole, constitute a single great crisis, all-encompassing and multifaceted: the civilizational crisis of capitalism, in the face of which we must build an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist alternative.

This crisis, although it has its center in the U.S., is not only a U.S. phenomenon impacting on the rest of the world, but it is also a global, systemic process, and its effects are manifested throughout the globe.

In the face of negationist discourses, it is important in this context to emphasize the continuity of the imperialist system, even in crisis, bearing in mind that the essential features of imperialism continue to exist.

The five fundamental features of imperialism identified by Lenin: the concentration of production and capital, the merger of banking capital with industrial capital, the predominance of the export of capital over the export of goods, the bid for the distribution of markets on a global scale among the great oligopolies backed by their States and the territorial distribution of the world among the great powers, “retain their validity, although their morphology does not necessarily repeat that which characterized them a century ago”, as Atilio Boron highlights in his book *Latin America in the geopolitics of imperialism* (Boron, 2014).

These have a strong penetration in our continent and despite the insistent and interested positions that recurrently seek to establish the idea that Latin America is a region that has no major relevance in U.S. policy, it is actually the most geopolitically important region for the United States.

This raises the historical recurrence and the urgency and importance of the anti-imperialist struggle throughout the world and in Latin America in particular.

It is that beyond, as we said, the discourses still in vogue on the disappearance of imperialism, this continues to be the superior phase of capitalism, as Lenin had stated, and in its insatiable need to increase the plundering of the common goods and wealth of the entire planet, it acquires increasingly predatory, aggressive and violent features.

The resurgence of neo-fascist sectors throughout the world is a clear sign of this.

These actions demonstrate that the “negationist” discourses on the persistence of imperialism and which

promote a reformist possibility, end up being functional to the attempts of reaffirmation, under new conditions, of this domination.

A central point in this negationist approach is to understand imperialism as a purely external factor and not to recognize its manifestations within each country through its ruling classes, partners and fundamental components.

The U.S. has placed competition for natural resources at the very center of its strategic planning and this makes imperialism redouble its efforts to sustain its influence in Latin America, in view of the failure of its policy to install a unilateral international order after the fall of the USSR, the much touted “American century”.

The deepening of cooperation between Moscow and Beijing through the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation and Good Neighborliness, in the political, economic, military, energy, scientific, technological and regional and global security spheres, together with the strengthening of regional Asian organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the BRICS and the implementation of its expansion with the BRICS “plus” of which Argentina will be a full member in 2023, and the project of the Belt and Road or new “Silk Road”, are warning lights for the US, and it is acting accordingly.

The scheme of the new world chessboard is at stake, the aspirations of the US are threatened in a process that David Harvey (2012) has described as “crisis in motion”, which gives an idea of the global magnitude of the same and that, beyond the moments of calm that may sporadically be reached at some point of the planet, simultaneously generate a deepening of the crisis in others, demonstrating the systemic nature of the same.

These tensions occur within the framework of a “globalization” which, as Aníbal Quijano (2000) has indicated, “is, in the first place, the culmination of a process that began with the constitution of America and that of colonial/modern and Eurocentric capitalism as a new pattern of world power”. In this way, colonialism, under which the control of labor was established, configured the geographical distribution of each of the forms integrated in world capitalism, decided the social geography of capitalism through which all other forms of control of labor, its resources and its products were articulated.

With the pattern of world power centered in the United States, this division of labor at the level of regions continues to be structured on the basis of a center

which, while seeing its hegemony eroded, absorbs more and more resources to sustain an impossible level of consumption in exchange for plundering the regions supplying these resources, whether renewable or not.

In this sense, US imperialism has been deploying a multiple combination in its counter-offensive on Our America: military reinforcement and permanent threats with the proliferation of military bases, combined with a media and cultural battery that seeks to “normalize” and “naturalize” military penetration and ideological domination over our peoples, territories and corresponding strategic natural assets.

The challenges that this represents for communists around the world impose on us to act with determination and audacity and to readjust the areas of regional integration. In the dispute for multilateralism that is developing, communists, revolutionaries from all over the world must coordinate ourselves to act as a single fist against the attempts of US imperialism to continue exercising its tutelage over a good part of our countries through its allies.

As Comandante Fidel Castro (1983) said so well in his time:

It has never been resigned submission or defeatism in the face of difficulties that has characterized us. We have been able to face with a sense of unity, firmness and

decision, complex and difficult situations in recent years. Together we have made efforts, together we have fought, and together we have won victories. With that same spirit and determination, we must be ready to wage the most colossal, just, dignified and necessary battle for the life and future of our peoples.

This struggle to which Comandante Fidel Castro summoned us is still in force; it is the struggle against capitalism, against imperialism.

It is the anti-imperialist struggle in which we remain committed.

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Long Live Comrades!

Humanist | Indonesia

Warm Greetings

First of all, I really want to express my gratitude to the Organizing Committee for this event, which has given me the opportunity to convey my writings and views.

As many of us all know, geo-political, economic and military developments in recent years have shown very rapid and significant shifts. Which shows that everything is starting to turn in the direction that gives much wider space to the struggle, formation and strengthening of the Left Movement anywhere in the world. Although in fact of course this did not happen suddenly, but through a long process which eventually accumulated and increasingly showed its impact. There have been a lot of new partnerships between a few big countries which recently got stronger with many smaller countries. This

cooperation is generally pioneered by China, Russia, India and several other countries, which are growing and developing very well every year. This cooperation was carried out with great enthusiasm and courage, which directly or indirectly succeeded in restraining, reducing and stemming the hegemony of the imperialist countries. Western hegemony, which has lasted almost 80 years, since the end of World War II, has never succeeded in making the world order better and bringing prosperity. On the contrary, it actually caused a lot of damage, both from the physical and social aspects of society and culture in many countries.

China, after going through a very long process, with all its intelligence and hard work ethic, has shown its ability to grow and develop without having to colonize other countries. Without having to disrupt, attack, occupy, plunder, and even kill citizens of other nations. In the

last two decades, what China has shown in its efforts to live together on this earth has opened the world's eyes to the hope of cooperating and living together in a more righteous way in equality. Without preconditions that are full of hypocrisy (such as the one-sided version of the prerequisites for democracy and human rights from the West) which so far have turned out to be the evil schemes of Western imperialist countries. Without that, China, Russia and India were able to attract the hearts of many developing countries to work with. Several other major countries such as Brazil, South Africa, Iran, and Saudi Arabia also showed interest in becoming a new power with them, which quickly found a tune with this rhythm.

On the opposite side, the countries of Western imperialism, which still think they can always maintain their power and influence in an outdated way, are increasingly showing their greedy, cunning and ruthless side. We have been reminded a lot by the latest news from Platform News which reports how France is increasingly losing influence in West Africa, due to the disappointment of sweet promises full of lies. It also explained that China's firmness towards those who try to interfere with Taiwan will be met with fire. Platform News also mentioned statements by several heads of state who clearly did not want to express their hostility to Russia in the Ukraine case. Even several Western European countries that are members of EU-NATO, do not fully share the same assessment and agree with the steps suggested by America to be directly involved in the Ukraine crisis. The romance and philosophy of living together, the political vision, and the different way of self-development pioneered by China recently, can be said to have split the world into very different options. The world is currently at two decisive crossroads.

My country, Indonesia, which is one of the countries in Southeast Asia, as well as many other developing countries in the world, is experiencing a difficult situation in dealing with this rapid change. My country has a large area (70% sea and 30% land) almost as large as all of Western Europe or all of Brazil's landmass. With a population of nearly 275 million people, this is certainly a lucrative market for many countries in the global economic configuration. But at the same times it also has extraordinary potential to become a large developed country. Many leading analysts and experts estimate that Indonesia will be included in the 10 countries with the largest economic power, at least in the

next 20 years.

But before that, for nearly 60 years, my country had a bad experience of cooperating with and oriented towards Western countries (both politically, economically and militarily). That bad experience taught us many valuable lessons, which showed how the imperialist countries fooled us, acted hypocritically, and trapped us in a suffocating debt bondage. It all started with work contracts in the oil, gas, mineral and forest sectors in the late 1960s, where the contents of the contracts were completely unfair with an unequal distribution of profits. Transfer of knowledge also does not work. The habit of Western conglomerates to always collude by bribing our country's top officials so that corruption has become part of our country's culture for nearly 50 years. The end of it all is the emergence of misery, poverty, backwardness, and development progress that moves very slowly. My country is a resource-rich country with abundant deposits of oil, natural gas, minerals and forests. Not to mention the wealth of the sea which is 70% of our country's geographical area. Almost all of the above sectors were plundered by Western conglomerates. What I want to convey is that it becomes an important note that the looting of our country's natural resources began when the Left Movement in our country was killed. Almost all Parties members were killed, Parties supporters were imprisoned and exiled. It happened in the mid 1960's. And I firmly believe that the purge of the Left Movement in Indonesia clearly involved the active intervention of many imperialist countries at that time. Interfering in internal affairs, playing one against another and creating a Puppet Government, or sponsoring an uprising, are ways they have frequently duplicated in other countries, since their success in crushing the Left Movement in my country. This can be seen clearly in many cases, around the 1970-1980s, such as in many Latin American countries, in the Arab Spring countries (2000s), Afghanistan, Iraq and others (1990s). Their behavior is terrible. Cooperating with countries with bad behavior clearly has to stop.

Luckily, in the last 10 years, our President, Mr. Jokowi, has been able to read the direction of global geo-political change quite well. His courage to renegotiate with Western conglomerates and make employment contracts more clear and fair. Close and abolish official institutions whose nothing more than a bunch of business brokers. Take a bold step to execute infrastructure projects that have been neglected for a long time. Allocate more the

state budget for the health and welfare of the people. These are all very reassuring policies and actions.

However, another obstacle that still needs to be handled very seriously is the harmony of national life. My country has nearly 275 million people. More than 80% of them are Muslims. The country with the largest Muslim population in the world. A small number of Muslims are radical groups who are very vocal and aggressive. Their efforts to unseat our President have occurred repeatedly by inciting, slandering and spreading hoax news which is done very often. Through social media. Quite a lot of their influence on other Muslim groups who are more passive. In short, they sell religion to try to gain influence and power. Absolutely nothing to be underestimated. Beyond all that, we firmly believe that behind everything that happened, was the active role of the Western imperialist countries sponsoring them to damage the social structure, destabilize the people, pit

them against one another, and even attempt to overthrow the legitimate government. Currently everything is still under control pretty well. But at any moment, when we let our guard down, things can shift and change rapidly, turning the tables and wreaking havoc.

Once again, what is important for me to note on this occasion, is that the imperialists will continue to use any means to impose their influence and power in any part of the world. They will never stop. So conversely, the formation, consolidation, and strengthening of the Left Movement, also ever recede and stop. The current global geo-political changes, as I have described above, are very dynamic, fast and significant. Almost all actual conditions are providing opportunities for us, the activists of the Left Movement. The world is changing fast, and we are in the middle of the rhythm of that change.

Have a good fight! Do Your Best! Thank You

‘Our Objective Is To Regain The Full Sovereignty and Unity Of Africa’

Pan-African Unitary Dynamics | Africa

Adama Coulibaly

Dear Comrades,

The Pan-African Unitary Dynamics (PUD) is honoured to take part in this international anti-imperialist meeting and the PDP congress. As a delegate, I have had the pleasure of witnessing Korea's attachment to its intrinsic identity and ancestral cultural values while being open to science and the rest of the world. We revolutionary sovereigntist pan-Africanists want a new Africa, both modern and anchored in its ancestral values rehabilitated. Beyond this consideration, Africa, like Korea, has experienced external domination, liberation struggle, war, separatism and division.

We are gathered here in a troubled international context, marked by the multiplication of provocations, aggressions against the environment and the peoples, the intensification of wars and the serious risk of a new world conflagration. This is the manifestation of the crisis of the dominant exploitative and imperialist capitalist system.

War has been and still is the solution to the major crises of the imperialist capitalist system, and the people have

always been used as cannon fodder.

The DUP, which I represent, was created nearly four years ago and brings together twenty-three African and Afro-descendant organisations of various kinds (political, associative, citizens'). Our struggle aims at the liberation of the continent from any domination whatsoever, and the reconstruction of a united, sovereign and prosperous Africa in the service of the peoples of Africa in solidarity with the peoples of the world.

Comrades,

I want to talk to you about Africa, the motherland of humanity and the first constitution in the world, the Kouroukan Fouga Charter of 1236, a continent once steeped in the values of humanity, peace and harmony. I want to evoke this Africa full of promise, this Africa that is both coveted and martyred.

For more than 400 years, Africans have always put up fierce resistance to all forms of barbaric aggression and ferocious exploitation (slave trade, colonial wars, military occupations, etc.). Unfortunately, this has not prevented the destruction of the great empires (Ghana, Mali, Songhai, etc.) as well as the denial and partial destruction of African civilisation, coupled with the shameless plundering of its cultural riches, which still

cover Western museums.

The carving up of Africa at the Berlin Congress of 1884/85 and the colonial and neo-colonial wars of invasion have continued to decimate the multitude of resistance fighters and to subjugate the African populations by the gun. Yes, the abomination of slavery was succeeded by colonisation with the same violent methods of massacres with genocidal intentions, forced labour and intensified exploitation of wealth.

Independence, even if it was a sham, was obtained through a hard struggle at the cost of the blood of the people and of many of their independence and revolutionary representatives. Everywhere, imperialism has methodically destroyed the revolutionary forces that bring a future to the African peoples.

In 2023, France is still illegally keeping the Comorian island of Mayotte under colonial rule. It is currently carrying out a criminal exclusion operation called Wuambushu, which is designed to destroy housing, repress, evict and violently expel some Comorians from their forcibly occupied territory.

After independence in the 1960s, imperialism initiated murderous coups d'état, so-called ethnic and/or religious civil wars, often in the presence of the French army and the United Nations.

Military interventions in Africa are carried out under the cover of leonine cooperation agreements between France and its former colonies and through UN military missions.

Terrorism was then introduced to maintain the permanent war state. This phenomenon was amplified following the destruction of Libya by NATO. This led to the proliferation of weapons and the development of terrorist groups.

All this while France has several military bases in 11 countries in Africa with between 12,000 and 15,000 soldiers, the United States 16 military bases and drone airfields. Djibouti is home to a multitude of foreign military bases: USA, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, China, Turkey, Japan. Following government requests, Russia is present in the Central African Republic and Mali in particular.

Institutions such as UN missions, the World Bank and IMF, and the AFD have largely impoverished African states and their populations, with the complicity of local puppet leaders.

The majority of African countries are ruled by authoritarian or even dictatorial political regimes, neo-

colonial vassals, accomplices and local representatives of big capital. The economy of these countries is extroverted, poorly industrialised, limited, as in the days of the transatlantic slave trade, to an economy of rents and extraction dominated by foreign capital. Africa has the greatest potential wealth (arable land, raw materials, youth) but remains the least industrialised continent with the most deprived population.

In the face of this unacceptable situation, the DUP is working to bring together organisations and activists who are determined and committed to the pan-Africanist anti-imperialist struggle in active support of the multi-faceted struggles that are growing in Africa.

Important struggles against capitalist domination and exploitation, for sovereignty and social, economic and cultural rights continue to develop across the continent. In 2020 in Burkina Faso and Niger, people rose up against huge convoys of the French army. In Mali, Barkhane was forced to relocate mainly to Niger and Benin. The same applies to the Sabre task force in Burkina Faso, which was ordered to leave the country. In the DRC, MONUSCO has been denounced and asked to pack up. Françafrique, the political, economic and military arm of NATO's military occupation, is in trouble as a result of the blows of the youth, the people and neo-Pan-Africanism on the continent and in the diaspora.

The imperialist powers and their local relays resist, proceeding by economic sabotage, murderous repression (Chad, Senegal), intensification of terrorist attacks

There are currently six UN peacekeeping operations in the

continent: Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Mali,

South Sudan, Abiye in Sudan and Western Sahara. (Mali and Burkina), war between army factions in Sudan, a war in reality between powers on the back of the Sudanese people who flee the fighting into exile,

Our objective, together with the peoples of Africa, is to regain the full sovereignty and unity of Africa, to put an end to predation and capitalist exploitation in the interest of the African peoples. We demand the departure of all foreign and UN troops from Africa!

This objective of liberation and progress of the peoples requires the strengthening of concrete internationalist solidarity in the struggle against capitalist exploitation and imperialism. We are ready and willing to engage in this solidarity of struggle with comrades from other continents.

As this political and ideological struggle is multifaceted, we envisage the creation of an internationalist university and progressive media to counteract imperialist propaganda.

The DUP is working to strengthen its links with all anti-imperialist forces whose objective is to build a world order of solidarity where no country will dominate any other, where the right of peoples to self-determination

will be a tangible reality, in peace and with the sole objective of meeting the legitimate needs of peoples.

We wish you every success in your work!

Long live the active solidarity between the peoples and their authentic representatives! Against war, for peace, the workers and peoples of the world will win! Nan lara, an sara!

Only the struggle liberates!

‘Today The Pretext Is “Support For Ukraine”, Tomorrow Will It Be The “Defense” Of Taiwan?’

National Association of Communists | France

Charles Hoareau

Dear comrades

First of all I want to bring you the fraternal greetings of the ANC of France and our thanks to the PDP which not only welcomes us but plays a leading role in the development of this platform, a tool for meeting, exchange and action of many progressive forces of the world. If the period we are going through is dark and heavy with threats for the very future of the human species, the platform appears as a hope and a ray of sunshine in the ambient greyness. A ray that is still thin, but a ray nonetheless, and one that only needs to grow under the tenacious efforts of craftsmen and women from all over the world. I will not dwell on the causes of the current situation. We have developed them during the 3 previous conferences and we have noted a broad agreement on the role of imperialism, first of all the American one, but also those of its henchmen states which are found in NATO or are knocking at its door as the last meeting held in Brussels on February 14 and 15 showed.

We are convinced that the situation is worrying, but our meeting shows that we are determined to prevent the irreparable and to defeat together the forces that see only war as a future to impose their domination of the world at a time when their economic supremacy is being challenged and when peoples are aspiring to development who choose, through their aspiration to full sovereignty, other paths than those of globalized capitalism. Coming from France, we are well aware that we are not in the same situation as the vast majority of countries on the planet, since our country is part

of this alliance of imperialisms. By the way, we could have and should have put in the plural our name anti-imperialism...

If the USA wants to continue to dominate the world, if it can maintain and extend its military bases, it can only do so thanks to the agreement of obedience of its accomplice countries, including France, one of its first pupils. It does so within the EU, which was originally presented as an alliance independent of the blocs and which, as the war in Ukraine shows, in fact completely cedes to US capitalism whenever it demands it. As French communists, this means that if we want to show solidarity with the peoples of the world and thus be peacemakers, we must first fight our own imperialism, that of France and that of the EU.

France's imperialism is particularly active in Africa because of its military interventions and the tool of the CFA franc, the currency imposed by France at the time of “independence” and which keeps 15 countries under its monetary and economic domination. This imperialism is also manifested by the more than 30,000 soldiers present in Africa, thus allowing the continuation of the leonine agreements imposed at the time of independence and the plundering by French multinationals. This imperialism is also manifested in Oceania where France wants to continue to maintain Kanakia (a term that does not even exist in the French language, our state continuing to call this archipelago under the name given by the colonizers in the 18th century) under its control despite the will of the people expressed many times, and finally in the Comoros, a fractured nation to which France has always refused full sovereignty despite more than 20 UN resolutions condemning it. It is also manifested by the perpetuation of the unequal system of subjugation

of the overseas departments and territories, which is only a remnant of the former French colonial empire. Finally, it is manifested by its unwavering solidarity with the other imperialist powers, first and foremost Israel, the occupying power without right or title in Palestine, the armed wing, under the pretext of religion, of international capitalism in the Middle East, which explains why we have the oldest political prisoner in Europe, Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, who has been kept for 39 years in French jails for not wanting to disavow his struggle in support of the Palestinian people.

We are leading the fight in France on several axes as we can:

1. In the current social movement which is the strongest in decades in terms of street demonstrations, scattered and recurrent strikes, but no general strike, which explains its duration and its difficulty winning. In this movement, which goes far beyond the question of pensions alone, we keep repeating that if the government is attacking social issues, it is because it has planned to put its efforts into a war economy. France, one of the richest countries in the world, has more than 2 million unemployed people who receive benefits, while 3 out of 10 are unemployed. Wages are so low that many employees can no longer live on their work. In addition, housing is in crisis to the point that we have 4.5 million poorly housed people. And I am not talking about undocumented foreigners who have had to flee misery or Western wars and are forced to live illegally when they have managed to cross the sea cemeteries that have become the Mozambique Channel, the Comoros Strait between Anjouan and Mayotte and the Mediterranean Sea. The government's military programming law provides for 413 billion euros of expenditure until 2030, i.e. a 30% increase in the budget. By comparison, the retirement plan is intended, according to the government, to recover 12 billion: less than 3%! This plan provides for the recruitment of 100,000 reservists, i.e. 30,000 more than today, and the press does not hesitate to headline that "the French army is training for a high-intensity war". Similarly, the Minister of the Army has just announced the relaunch of the manufacture of strategic weapons. Today the pretext is "support for Ukraine", tomorrow will it be the "defense" of Taiwan? The EU through the voice of its head of diplomacy, Josep Borrel, has just declared that "Taiwan is crucial for Europe"! In what way? In what way would an island located thousands of kilometers from Paris

and in the Chinese seas be so "crucial" for the European continent? Can one imagine China or Russia declaring that Kanakia, the Comoros or Corsica are crucial for their country? Immediately back home, the press would be running headlines about the irresponsibility of the declarants and the declaration of war that such statements would constitute? So in every demonstration for employment, wages and social protection we display our banner with the headlines "YES to peace, NO to the wars of imperialism", "Let's get out of the EU and NATO." We have also drawn up a brochure on this theme which we can send you for translation if you wish.

2. In this fight against imperialist wars, if we do not spare our efforts to make our point of view and our analyses known, we try to do it by gathering, first of all with the scattered communist forces in France, which has become the reality in our country since the PCF, the historical party, has abandoned a certain number of reference points, including those of internationalism, to the point of supporting arms sales and NATO, even if this discourse is not unanimous within its ranks. Bringing together the communists in our country is not a simple matter and the recent declaration of the KKE, although not very well known in our country, does not help and has caused confusion among some of them, but we are working on it with tenacity because it is the condition for winning consciences. Obviously in this context we welcome the decision of the platform to make one Saturday a month a world day of struggle against imperialism and for peace. We join this initiative within our means.

We are committed to helping build a broader movement that would agree on at least a few points: a cease-fire, a halt to arms shipments and the opening of peace negotiations under the auspices of the UN. We are trying on these minimal bases to move the lines in the heart of the population so that it weighs in the national political debate in a country where even the progressive forces too often join the war mongers and come to find that war can be a solution ... of peace! It is not easy nationally but we are beginning to score points and here too perseverance is our weapon. In this context, we must support any initiative of the peoples and states that pursue a counter-hegemonic policy of sovereignty, egalitarian international cooperation and the promotion of their right to development.

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of their right to development.

From this situation we draw as an analysis a look at the position of communists and progressives in the world. It seems to us that here too we must work for the unity of the communists and progressives of the world by holding fast to two axes: our analysis of the role of world imperialism led by the USA and NATO in its pay, and the need to unite progressives in the struggle for peace and the right of peoples to self-determination. From this point of view the anti-imperialist world platform is an opportunity that we must make known by proudly displaying its logo and slogans.

‘The World Could Precipitate Into A Great War Of Global Characteristics’

People’s Party of Panama | Panama
Moises Carrasquilla

First of all, please receive the fraternal greetings of the People’s Party of Panama and the assurance that we have received and heeded your request to join with our statement to your initiative to convene a meeting next May in Seoul where an international conference will be held with the objective of deliberating for the creation of a World Anti-imperialist Platform.

The present note serves to share your concern to join efforts to avert a global war hecatomb at a time when there are already several hotbeds of local tensions, some already developed at the level of warlike confrontations even localized and others of latent tension whose explosion could lead to an intensification of the conditions in which the world could precipitate into a great war of global characteristics determined by the

fusion and expansion of local conflicts until they become regional and then global.

From our point of view, enhanced by the particular location of our country in a region of the Caribbean where the forces of US imperialism and the Latin American Caribbean countries that already have an anti-imperialist political presence for the independent development of our countries and our region, we fully understand your motivations to avert the danger, motivations that we make our own.

In cases such as the present, the unity of thought, positioning and action of our countries is a contribution to achieve a halt to the current danger, which is why we subscribe to your opinion for the construction of a powerful anti-imperialist and anti-war network.

Receive our best wishes for success and our commitment to get involved in the work and coordination agreed upon.

The Construction Of People's Power And The Struggle Against Imperialism

Peruvian Communist Party | Peru
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I. The strategy of imperialism’s ideological warfare in Latin America.

a. The deideologization of the popular movement and right-wing populism 1990-2021. The Peruvian

experience.

The 1970s and 1980s in Peru were the period of the rise of leftist political organizations and the popular movement, especially trade unions and peasant unions, which became a decisive political force in Peruvian politics. This period was characterized by a high degree of class consciousness and politicization of the popular

sectors.

The leftist organizations, although fractioned in alliance with social and popular organizations such as the General Confederation of Workers of Peru, among others, achieved the restoration of democracy after the general strikes of 1976 and 1977, which forced the dictatorship of General Francisco Morales Bermudez to call elections for the Constituent Assembly in 1978, in which the leftist organizations and the Peruvian Communist Party obtained 28% of the constituent representation.

This popular rise reached its peak with the political victory of Izquierda Unidad in the 1983 municipal elections in Lima and most of the country's cities, consolidating its position as the second political force in Peru.

This process of accumulation of political and social forces reached its zenith in the 1985 presidential elections in which the United Left was consolidated as the second political force, but that same year was also the beginning of its decline. The popular sectors were distancing themselves from the discourse and proposals of the left, which had been plunged into division, the dispute of diligent cliques and political adventurism led by radicalized social democratic parties, which diverted attention from urgent social demands such as the solution to political violence, the terrorism of the Shining Path and the MRTA, State terrorism and the galloping economic crisis and hyperinflation of 1988-1990 aggravated by the shortage of basic foods and fuels.

Finally, this decline ended in 1990 with the extinction of Izquierda Unidad and the transfer of the popular sectors that supported it to the emerging Fujimorism.

b. The transfer.

The irruption of Fujimorism into Peruvian politics in 1990 channeled in its favor the fears of the Peruvian majorities: the generalization of terrorist violence that the Alan Garcia government had been unable to stop, the threat of a neoliberal economic "shock" announced by the candidate of the nascent ultra-right Mario Vargas Llosa and the misguided economic crisis that had plunged Peru into shortages of basic foodstuffs and hyperinflation. All this was occurring in the context of the implementation in Latin America of the so-called "Washington Consensus" or the implementation of the neoliberal model designed by US imperialism for Latin America.

Alberto Fujimori won the 1990 elections, the left was

reduced to an absolute minority. Once in government, Alberto Fujimori applied economic shock measures (the so-called fuji-shock) accompanied by a policy of political patronage among the most depressed social sectors.

After 21 months of government, Fujimori staged a coup d'état on April 5, 1992, closed the Congress of the Republic and abrogated the 1979 Political Constitution; in June 1992, Victor Polay Campos, leader of the MRTA, was captured and in September of the same year the leadership clique of the Shining Path terrorist organization, including its leader Abimael Guzmán Reynoso, was captured. Fujimorism had begun. Alberto Fujimori's government had satisfied the urgent demands of the population and had warded off its deepest fear: the destruction of the country by the economic crisis and, to a lesser degree, by the terrorism of the Shining Path. Thus the transfer of the organized and unorganized social majorities linked to Fujimorism's governmental assistance program took place in the following years.

The transfer was accompanied by a persistent policy of persecution and political repression against the remnants of the left and against union and popular leaders who opposed the economic model, with the systematic implementation of the dirty war designed by the CIA and the State Department of the U.S. government, added to the corrupt practices of Alberto Fujimori's government, not only aimed at maintaining control of the Armed Forces, but also at financing the de-ideologization of the popular sectors from the press, the universities occupied by the Armed Forces and stimulating the creation of political parties that concealed criminal organizations linked to drug trafficking and public-private corruption, laying the foundations for politics to no longer be a question of ideologies or government programs but of "business".

c. The triumph of ideology over political science (my suggestion).

As Karl Marx said, "ideology is a false form of knowledge" and that is what has been imposed in Latin America since the 1990s. Knowing this process is an important factor that should allow us to reflect and overcome the mistakes made.

The political struggle of the Peruvian left was always linked to the development of political platforms that analyzed reality based on science. Hence the strength of the socialist-communist proposal of the Marxist left.

In this context, there are two factors that create the conditions for the triumph of the ideology of the right

over the political proposal of the left:

a. The precariousness of the economic life of the country politically destructures the most conscious sectors of the working class.

b. The precariousness of the country's political life generates the conditions for the development of clientelism.

c. Political clientelism populism generates the conditions for the structuring of right-wing political populism, which manifests itself first with "political independence" and then with the emergence of "Fujimorism", both of which develop pro-capitalist, non-liberal proposals. It is necessary to emphasize that this populism arises from the crisis of the largest left-wing populist movement in our country, the APRA. Both left-wing and right-wing populism have sold the idea of a capitalist revolution, in the left-wing version this aims to create a national bourgeoisie from the state - in which attempt Alan Garcia and his twelve apostles failed - while the second aims to create a capitalist revolution "liberating market forces" and, through popular capitalism, create the conditions for the development of a national bourgeoisie. As opposed to the political alternative of the "non-socialist social revolution" proposed by the APRA since its foundation, after its failure, a revolution against politics is proposed from a technocratic but implicitly pro-system perspective.

The truth is that, from both processes, which are continuous in time, the only thing that emerged was a brute and shrunken bourgeoisie and a lumpenization of politics never seen before, not only in the sphere of the state, but in all social strata, what is strengthened is the informal economy.

In the same way, this "liberation" of market forces, the only thing it produces is the strengthening of monopolies, especially financial ones, which is the space in which transnationals, monopolies, informal activities and enriched politicians, launder their ill-gotten money at the expense of poverty and precariousness of the majorities.

d. This advance of populism is also produced because the opportunist sectors of the left -in its social democratic and liberal-progressive version- abandon the political struggle in the spheres of the governments they lead, leave the defense of the principles to fall into pragmatism, do not define what kind of left they are with the intention of continuing winning elections, that is to say, they abandon the clear definition of

socialism-communism that allowed the construction of the United Left, which allowed the emergence of ideological Confucianism and the citizenship to lose the ability to distinguish between the United Left and the left-wing, the clear definition of socialism-communism that allowed the construction of the United Left is abandoned, which allowed the emergence of ideological confusion and that the citizens lost the ability to distinguish between the Marxist, revolutionary and socialist left and the rest of the populist parties that labeled themselves as left every time there were electoral processes.

The crisis was such that within the opportunist left itself the idea of a popular capitalism began to be put forward, which produced the emergence of the "independence" of the "non-partisanship" within Izquierda Unida, then the struggle for the "own profile" and finally the division of the left.

It is on the basis of this decomposition in the social movement that "independentism" and Fujimorism emerge, also based on a militaristic authoritarianism that is deeply installed in the popular collective imagination and that has to do with the idea of order rather than a proposal based on solidly supported programs. It is on the basis of this defeat of Marxist doctrinaire politics, which is a crisis of praxis, that the right-wing ideology is strengthened, built not only on neo-liberal ideas, but also on a strong combination of prejudices, fears and passionate feelings that the right wing systematically and functionally instrumentalizes, without the left being able to propose a real alternative to left and right-wing populism.

Fujimorism, armed with a vast propaganda apparatus, developed a successful strategy of de-ideologization of the youth and student sectors, militarily occupying the main Peruvian universities such as San Marcos, UNI and La Cantuta. Developing a fierce campaign of anti-communism, advocating individualism against solidarity, unscrupulous competition, the exchange of humanist values for market values that fed the disenchantment of the popular sectors with the political parties that plunged the country into the crises of the 80s (Acción Popular, Partido Popular Cristiano and APRA) and the disillusionment with the parties that were incapable of becoming the government alternative to overcome the crisis and the terrorist, paramilitary and state violence, such as Izquierda Unida (United Left).

Fujimorism masterfully implemented the ideological

recipe of neoliberalism: the de-ideologization of the organized and unorganized popular sectors, imposing on them the belief that their goals are at the limits of economic demands: better working conditions (decent work), worker-employer social dialogue, receiving social assistance and self-employment, thus demoralizing in the organized popular sectors the objective of fighting for power and building socialism.

In its strategy of ideological penetration of imperialism in Peru, it deployed a tenacious war with neo-liberalism as a battering ram, which showed the self-dissolution of the USSR and the fall of the Eastern European socialist bloc as the end of the socialist-communist paradigm and the “impossibility” of the struggle for socialism of the communists and left-wing socialists.

II. Popular power and the new State. Recovering the popular sectors from a perspective of building independence.

Reversing the de-ideologization of the popular sectors to transform them into agents of revolutionary change for socialism, requires the development of a tactic that has as its axis to solve, in the first place, the independence-imperialism contradiction, which facilitates the incorporation of other social sectors to the anti-imperialist struggle and in second place the development of the productive forces.

The words of Condoleezza Rice “to change the platform of Europe’s energy dependence on Russia for dependence on US energy resources” summarizes the strategy of imperialism in its essence: obtaining natural resources and monopolistic markets, where wars, diplomacy, sanctions, embargoes and other means of coercion are only mechanisms to satisfy the voracity of expanded capital.

Latin American countries are tied to a system of very deep dependencies, which affect various areas of the development of our countries, obstructing in one way or another the construction and development of the productive forces towards the goal of socialism.

In this context, in which the struggle of state monopoly capital struggles to maintain its hegemony through sanctions and war, the policy of struggle against imperialism is correct. However, it is necessary to understand that this confrontation has several levels:

a. That of the struggle at the level of regional blocs against the financial dictatorship of the dollar in the world economic system. In a way these blocs could be categorized as an anti-fascist world popular front. The

BRISC, the Shanghai group, OPEC-Plus among others.

b. The anti-imperialist and anti-fascist political movements, which are not necessarily spaces of struggle for socialism.

Yes, in this context of struggle, we face the big corporate monopolies which are in a frank process of fascistization due to their loss of hegemonic power in the economic war we have gone through since the imposition of capitalist globalization in the 1990s. Dimitrov maintained that “fascism is the shameless terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of financial capital”, however, this definition could lead us to identify “terrorist dictatorship” with a dictatorial and totalitarian regime, which is a mistake, because every state rests on mechanisms of force and this is equivalent to thinking that there is a true dichotomy “democracy vs. dictatorship” and to confusing form with essence. Today’s fascism will not be the same as that of the 30’s, it will come with another disguise, today’s fascism can perfectly articulate party pluralism with single thinking, it can be sustained not in a single state ideology, but in a massive stupidization of the population through the media, these are the forms that are already beginning to be revealed in the militarization proposed by NATO and in the war as the main way to solve economic and political problems, the cases of Ukraine and the conflict in Taiwan are manifestations of this.

These dependencies become a powerful instrument of imperialism and the neoliberal model when our nations seek a different path of development, without having broken the chains that bind them to the system of dependencies imposed by the empire.

On the other hand, the dependence of Latin American countries can become an essential political instrument for the instrumentalization of our countries by international financial capital and the military industrial complex at key moments of political confrontation.

Therefore, the struggle against the process of fascistization that is being experienced on a world scale as a product of the crisis of the unipolar world and the emergence of a multipolar world, should not lead us to abandon the main struggle which is for socialism. We must transform the anti-fascist and anti-imperialist struggle into a permanent struggle against capitalism and for a socialist alternative.

In the strategy of developing a successful anti-imperialist struggle, the case of Peru lies in the

communists, the leftist parties, the organized popular sectors conceiving an alternative project of nationhood, which has as its axis the solution of the independence-imperialism contradiction.

In that sense, it is necessary for communists to work in three strategic directions:

- a. The construction of a politicized social movement in a socialist perspective, which means strengthening the party-civil society relationship.
- b. Work to occupy spaces of power and turn them into referents of economic, social and political

transformation.

- c. Work to improve our ways of communicating our political perspective on the basis of popularizing socialist ideas.

In the strategy of struggle for the new society in transit to socialism, the overcoming of this dependence must ensure the leadership of the new society and the new State by the workers trained in the management of social production, which must be the essence of the anti-imperialist constitutional ideology.

‘The Front Of Struggle Of The Communists Is Twofold and Simultaneous’

Union Proletariat | Spain

Dear Comrades:

In Proletarian Union we see with concern that the danger of imperialist world war continues to grow despite the fact that NATO is not achieving its objectives in Ukraine. NATO promises an imminent counter-offensive with new Western arms and troops, while intensifying the military encirclement against China and Socialist Korea.

Confirmation of this policy of aggression are the large-scale naval exercises being carried out in the Pacific Ocean by the United States, the rebel province of Taiwan, France, Australia, South Korea, Japan and the Philippines, involving dozens of ships, including nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, landing ships and attack submarines. These facts demonstrate every day clearly that US, NATO and EU imperialism is determined to wipe out in any way it can, whoever does not allow itself to be dominated by its imperialist interests. At the moment, Russia, China and the DPRK.

Driven by the sharpening of the contradictions of capitalism, the imperialist powers are driven to increase their oppression and aggression against the rest of the countries.

During the 20th century, the victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution, that of the Red Army in World War II and the subsequent enlargement of the socialist camp provoked in the imperialist powers, a general crisis that forced them to submit to Yankee discipline. The temporary defeat of socialism in the

USSR and in Europe, due to anti-Stalinist revisionism, gave them hope of conquering world domination. In this way, they could load their tensions on the weakest peoples, as they did in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, etc.

However, the economic growth of People's China and the other BRICS countries, the recovery of Russia's sovereignty and the military strengthening of the DPRK have shown that imperialism has not put an end to its general crisis. On the contrary, it is weakening internally, while, around it, the countries it thought it could mistreat at will are growing in their potential for resistance.

Today, the main force of the world anti-imperialist front is the sovereign peripheral states. Unfortunately, for now, they cannot rely on a strong international workers' and communist movement which, moreover, is the only one capable of eradicating imperialism.

In the formerly colonial part of the world, the democratic struggle for national liberation can acquire a proletarian class character by constituting the necessary starting point of the socialist revolution. However, in the imperialist center and other countries of the semi-periphery, the struggle for national sovereignty in the face of US imperialism will only be capable of achieving, on its own, a social-democratic management of world capitalism as the new institutions of the BRICS demonstrate. For this reason, the front of struggle of the communists is twofold and simultaneous.

While working for the maximum possible unity against the dominant Anglo-Saxon imperialism, we must direct

this and all our partial struggles towards socialism, towards the overthrow of the political power of the bourgeois class. Unlike in the neocolonial countries, the bourgeoisie of the imperialist countries can now only play a reactionary, counterrevolutionary role, even if some fraction of this class opposes U.S. domination.

The Russian victory over the NATO offensive in Ukraine seems to be getting closer and closer. However, this will only delay a new world war which will be inevitable if the present state of the anti-imperialist struggle is not resolved decisively towards a socialist horizon. For all these reasons, from Unión Proletaria, at the same time that we support any unity of action against imperialism even with unstable allies, we urge to imprint on it a socialist perspective.

The situation of the movement in the imperialist countries - where the support of the revisionists to imperialism helps the expansion of chauvinism and fascism - is the weakest. Its weakness is the result of decades of colonial exploitation of the majority of humanity by the Western bourgeoisie, of the bribery of the labor aristocracy, of the domination of reformism and revisionism and, consequently, of the growing ideological, political and moral corruption of the population.

This is what we communists who live in the entrails of the imperialist beast must remedy. In the first place, we need to re-educate the working masses in Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, combating the possibilism and fatalism propagated by the reformists. And, secondly, we need to close the way to the “leftist” misrepresentation of communism that hinders this task, because it distances revolutionaries from reality and the masses.

There are several types of ultra-leftist errors that we must correct. One of them are the neo-Trotskyist deviations that propagate that all countries are imperialist, including the countries that suffer and fight imperialism. To make their criteria credible, they spread

exaggerated criticisms and crude lies against sovereign governments, thus collaborating with imperialist oppression.

Another of the errors is that of the classic “leftists” that Marx, Engels and Lenin already fought against: to dispense with dialectical materialism in the work of the masses. For them it is only a question of criticizing reformism, without worrying about the masses being able to assimilate this criticism. They refuse to work patiently in the trade union movement, in the bourgeois political institutions and for the sake of a united front against the main enemy, with the necessary compromises and alliances.

The inability of this “leftist” line to win over the majority of the working class leads to the cult of spontaneity, adventurism and waiting for the “Great Day” when imperialism collapses or is defeated by others, and the masses come to us to give us reason and political power. And it prevents revolutionaries from carrying out a systematic task of educating the masses for the struggle for socialist revolution.

This type of error favors sectarianism, that is, the tendency to split the ranks of communism, the working class and the democratic movements, which in practice benefits the bourgeoisie.

Proletarian Union advocates the need to study and apply to our concrete conditions the experience of Bolshevism and the Communist International in order to cure the revolutionary movement of this false remedy of reformism. Only in this way will the proletariat of the dominant countries be able to contribute more and more each day to the international struggle against imperialism by joining the national liberation movement. Only in this way will we together be able to abolish this outdated social mode of production - which threatens humanity with world war and extermination - and bring to completion the socialist reorganization of society.

‘Russia, China, and DPRK Have Gathered The Strength To Defy Global Us Hegemony’

New Communist Party of Montenegro | Montenegro

Dear comrades,

In these turbulent times of US imperialist aggression all across the world, from the blockade of Cuba to the war in Ukraine to imperialist pressure in Taiwan and

Korea, us anti-imperialists from all around the world must join up forces. History teaches us that the evil of imperialism can only be successfully fought against if its attacked on multiple fronts, by international solidarity of the oppressed.

Victory of anti-imperialist forces, victory of the global working class, can only be achieved with the realisation that the fascist junta in Ukraine, quisling governments of South Korea, Taiwan, the Philipines etc. are all united under the banner of US imperialism. Only when the anti-imperialists forces reach the unity that the imperialists forces have can they be victorious. To realise that unity, our task is to educate the masses on the topic, to explain to them that the anti-fascist struggle that Russia is leading in Ukraine is the same struggle as the progressive forces in Korea, Taiwan and the rest of east Asia are leading against the US military intervention.

United in struggle, progressive anti-imperialist forces inside the imperialist core (EU, NATO countries) and those in the imperialist periphery, where the struggle is directly taking place in form of wars, sanctions and threats (Balkans, Ukraine, Korea), have to each take action in their own way and aid the struggle of the anti-imperialist role of Russia, China and DPR Korea on the international scene. Those in the imperialist core are to support the anti-war efforts in sense of allying with the forces preventing the so called “lethal aid” and the money stolen from their country’s budget being sent to the fascist junta in Ukraine and soldiers of their countries being sent to aid US imperialism in the Middle East and the Pacific. Their task also should be to break the US propaganda machine and expose their lies on

the issues of the Taiwan crisis, war in Ukraine and other struggles, to open the eyes of the masses to the truth. Those anti-imperialist forces that are directly in countries threatened by imperialism should join up the efforts of the anti-imperialist side of the conflict in their countries, following the example of the brave anti-fascist fighters in Donbass region who took up arms against the fascist junta taking power in Ukraine during the events of Euromaidan in 2014.

Recent anniversaries of NATO crimes that happened in 1999 in our country of Montenegro as well as in Serbia remind us that our enemy never had empathy towards people of any country and that in future events our people may meet the same fate as NATO imperialists continue to strengthen their grip on Balkans. However unlike in the 1999 in Yugoslavia and 2014 in Ukraine, the people today aren’t alone. After the collapse of the USSR in 1991 there hasn’t been, until recently, any great threat to the US hegemony and imperialism, while nowadays we can see that countries like Russia, China and DPR Korea have gathered the strength to defy global US hegemony, thus allying themselves with the progressive anti-imperialist struggles of the people all around the world. In the case the imperialists ignite a Third World War, the global working class will have strong allies on their side and won’t be left alone. Our main goal should be precisely to let them understand that fact and help them build a base for an everlasting peace without the evils of imperialism!

Long live international solidarity!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

The people united will never be defeated!

The Worker Against Imperialism

Levica | Macedonia

Lenin was quite right when he said that “war serves as a natural means of eliminating the discrepancy between the growth of productive forces, primarily in the idiotic form of accumulation of capital, on the one hand, and the division of the spheres of influence of financial capital, on the other.”

The era of modern capitalism confirmed to us that international relations are formed between capitalist alliances, based on the economic division of the world on the one hand, and develop certain relations between

political unions and states based on the territorial division of the world, struggle for colonies, markets and economic zones on the other hand. Thus, the stage of capitalism developed by the collective West, primarily by the United States, led to a complete economic division of the world, characterised by the hegemony and dictatorship of Western transnational corporations, from military-industrial conglomerates and oil and gas corporations to IT giants and “Big farm”.

The uninterrupted functioning of the dictatorship of capitalism would be impossible without military domination over the common man and the worker - who

under normal conditions would naturally not agree to be a slave to the interests of capital. To make this possible, the NATO alliance was formed, which contributes with the power to continuously suppress the sovereignty of individual countries and resort to the use of force and weapons, with the capacity to heat up relations between states and their minorities anywhere in the world, causing division and conflict, which allows ease of managing the new markets.

After the collapse of the Soviet state, the dictatorship of capital took over. A monopolar military-dominated world was created that allowed the necessary Western corporations to dominate world economic power. They acquired the capacity to decide where to create “hot spots” and how to melt the authorities of the states into their servants in any of the countries, after the collapse of the socialist bloc. In 2014, a pro-Western group of oligarchs seized power in Ukraine, finally turning the Ukrainian state into a puppet, primarily of the American oligarchy. Ukraine, following the example of some countries from before, has become the defence line of American imperialism in Eastern Europe.

The outbreak of hostilities in Ukraine rounded off the period of preparation for the open struggle of American imperialism to preserve its hegemony and world order. All this was preceded by a fierce mobilisation of Western countries, all of them as one began to pump the Ukrainian army with weapons, supply intelligence information, recruit mercenaries, and of course the most dangerous, the formation of armed structures under the banner of fascist ideology. The tasks of these imperialist undertakings are dictated by the desire to maintain the hegemony of the West and in the first place the American corporations and the business interests of all the main entities belonging to the structural Anglo-Saxon system of the globalised economy, which, after the collapse of the USSR, stretched its tentacles throughout the whole world.

The situation with the political regimes in the partner countries of Western imperialism shows how easily American democracy on the ground turns into nationalism, and that it takes very little to turn this support into support that openly proclaims fascist ideas and gangs, whose work is always in the exclusive interest of the West corporations. There is no doubt that the current war in Ukraine was initiated by NATO and above all by the United States, as it was before in Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Sudan, Libya, Afghanistan, Iraq, or Syria. All

this at the behest of the most aggressive squads of the business class.

The tensions that are created in the East, in South Korea, and especially in Taiwan, have almost the same characteristics as those in Ukraine, from before the handover of the puppet government, to the final arming and “buying time” for the realisation of the same through the Minsk agreements.

We are witnessing a culmination of fierce political rhetoric, which are expansions of military capacities and bases, and the delivery of huge amounts of weapons by the United States, right around the eastern countries whose governments are in their partnership. If in Ukraine we are witnessing an open bloody war, in the east we have a situation of a cold war, especially the “front” which has been opened by the USA against the People's Republic of China.

Unfortunately, just as the cold war in Ukraine has turned into a bloody conflict between imperialist ambitions on the one hand and a people who love their freedom on the other, so this heightened rhetoric and weaponry, points to the danger that the cold war in the East will momentarily turn into an armed conflict and the outcome of it will probably have to be decided again by the working class.

The unification of the working class is needed today more than ever, because it represents the pivot and the vanguard which, with its own sincere idea, seeks power to oppose and prevent any outburst of military actions that Western imperialism is ready to take.

The absence of any law or agreement, respect for human life, ethics, or morality, in any of the undertakings of Western imperialism has been demonstrated many times before. An example is Libya, which has turned into a devastated country, Syria as well, and while deliberately doing all this, imperialism trades in human misfortune, where the last atom of energy of the worker is exploited.

Western imperialism and NATO have opened a war on European soil, the cold war with the People's Republic of China has also opened, while the relations around Taiwan and South Korea are seriously heating up. The working class is aware that the domination of this imperialism must be ended! The idea of creating a multipolar world is currently being imposed as a reasonable solution! The support of the proletariat to the anti-imperialist idea of creating a multipolar world is necessary! We have nothing left but an honest fight for

a fairer world and an honest redistribution of the goods that should serve the working people. We won once, We

will win again!

On A New Factor In The Anti-Imperialist Struggle Of The Twenty-First Century

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Imperialism, completely subject to the law of constant profit and super-profit, exists from two main sources. In the first place, the monopolies, which constitute the essence of imperialism, seek to extort profits to the utmost from the exploitation of the proletariat of their home countries, often withdrawing not only the surplus, but also the necessary product of its labor, and thereby giving rise to inevitable crises of “overproduction”.

The second mandatory source is the exploitation of natural, man-made and human resources abroad. The competition between the monopolies from the possession of this source gives rise to the inevitable interstate wars, the systemic crises of imperialism.

If in Lenin's time such wars were waged by national monopolies, up to a world war, aiming at the possession of the whole world. Now such a war is generated by the first monopoly that has grown to fascism after the Second World War - the Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy, based in the USA, Canada, Great Britain and surrounded by numerous satellites - from the EU states to Australia, South Korea and Japan.

It is no secret that since the middle of the twentieth century, humanity has entered a period of globalization as a progressive process of accelerated, widespread and comprehensive unity based on the achievements of scientific and technological progress. This process, if given space, promises humanity a solution to all problems without exception. But in the context of globalization, global monopolies have also become dominant, first of all, various detachments of the global financial oligarchy. They compete with each other for dominance in the world, and one of them, the Anglo-Saxon, directly hinders the global process of unity, resorting to economic blockades, to a policy of separation in order to rule, to an arms race and destructive wars.

The peculiarity of today's moment is precisely the fact

that the first Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy, which has broken through to domination of the world since 1945, is trying to maintain the achieved dominance in the world by starting an active economic, informational, psychological and military expansion for this purpose. But by virtue of the operation of such objective laws of capitalism as the laws of uneven development of capital and its constant concentration, other world monopolies, financial oligarchies, naturally opposed to this expansion, have arisen. So the world creeps into the Third World War.

This is where a new factor arises in the anti-imperialist struggle: if any previous war unleashed by imperialism led to colossal casualties and destruction, but did not raise the question of the existence of humanity, then the Third World War raises such a question: human civilization can cease to exist in the agony demonstrated as early as 1945 by the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The matter is aggravated by the fact that the Anglo-Saxon detachment of the world financial oligarchy after the Second World War was the first to go the way to fascism inevitable for imperialism and is actually free from the checks of terrorism, at least in international politics, as well as the fact that, unlike the previous, defeated contender for world hegemony - European fascism led by Nazi Germany - the Anglo-Saxon detachment of the world financial oligarchy owns weapons of mass destruction.

Some broad notions that the presence of weapons of mass destruction on all warring parties supposedly will not allow them to be used are naïve and cultivated only in order to justify a further nuclear arms race as a supposedly panacea for war, as well as to prevent a ban on the development, production, storage and use of nuclear weapons and their elimination. Nuclear weapons will not be used only in one case - if they are eliminated under strict international control.

And if so, then humanity faced a dilemma: the first choice is to put an end to the dominance of the neo-

fascist Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy, which questioned the existence of civilization. The second choice is to disappear historically, if this neo-fascist Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy is allowed to unleash a full-scale Third World War with the use of nuclear weapons.

Two tactical conclusions emerge from this dilemma:

1. In order to put an end to modern “democratic” fascism carried out by the Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy and its satellites, it is necessary to form the broadest anti-imperialist, anti-fascist front. A typical example of Stalin’s victorious tactics is the involvement of the states of “democratic” imperialism - the United States and Great Britain - in the anti-fascist anti-Hitler coalition. German Nazism was the main enemy of the working people and all mankind, and it was defeated by the USSR with the assistance of everything else anti-fascist that was in the world. Today, the main enemy of humanity, even more dangerous than Hitler’s fascism, is the “democratic” neo-fascism performed by the Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy, since it owns weapons of mass destruction. At the same time, a special responsibility falls on the peoples of the aggressor states, from their ability to mobilize and organize to eliminate their fascist regimes.

2. The struggle for peace against the aggression of the Anglo-Saxon world financial oligarchy should be raised to a universal demand, since curbing its aggression will stop the danger of the death of mankind in a nuclear cataclysm and exclude the second of the above sources of its profits and superprofits - armed expansion - thereby destroying it.

Thus, the situation dictates the direction of the main blow for the salvation of humanity - against the neo-fascist aggression of the Anglo-Saxon detachment of the

world financial oligarchy, and the main method in this struggle is to prevent it from unleashing the Third World War with the use of weapons of mass destruction.

Against the background of this analysis, the opportunism of those, including those who consider themselves to be communists, who in the current world conflict demand equal opposition to all its imperialist participants, is clear. This is intended to divert forces and means from the fight against today’s main enemy of humanity - the aggressive neo-fascist Anglo-Saxon detachment of the world financial oligarchy, which will not give either peace or social progress.

The approach outlined here requires all sane forces of the Planet to support Russia’s special military operation in Ukraine, which is a rebuff to the expansion of the US-Bandera junta. It is a support to China’s intention to actually establish a one-China policy and prevent the United States from fighting for Taiwan. It is a support to the heroic efforts of the DPRK leadership in the fight against attempts by the United States and its satellites to implement their nuclear blackmail on the Korean Peninsula and in the region.

The great leader of the Soviet people, J. V. Stalin, correctly asserted that as long as imperialism exists, there is also the danger of war. But he did not admit the fatal inevitability of such a war, declaring that if the peoples of the world took the cause of peace into their own hands and defended it to the end, then peace would be preserved and consolidated.

And our task is to fulfill this foresight of J. V. Stalin: the peoples of the world, everything anti-fascist that is in it, to take the cause of peace into their own hands, to build a reliable barrier to another world imperialist war and thereby doom imperialism to destruction.

‘The Military Conflict In Ukraine Could Turn Into A World War III’

The All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
Nina Andreeva

Dear comrades!

The Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (Nina Andreeva) welcomes the organisers and participants of the International

Conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform and wishes the forum every success.

The International Conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform is taking place at a very tense time. After the destruction of the USSR and the dissolution of the commonwealth of socialist states, the general crisis of the capitalist system has intensified considerably

due to the unfair division of the countries of the world community into a rich minority of imperialist states led by the US and a poor majority of dependent countries of the rest of the world. The imperialist NATO bloc led by the US seeks to consolidate and strengthen its hegemony by pursuing a policy of maintaining its dominant position in the world by waging wars across the planet, supporting and nurturing reactionary, including fascist, regimes and globalising the world economy. Imperialist globalisation is a new form of neo-colonialism, it is the dismantling of sovereign states, depriving them of their political, economic and military independence. Acting on the principle of “divide and rule”, the ruling circles of imperialist states are pitting the peoples of the third world against each other with their duplicitous policies and have declared their main task to destroy Russia.

This is the reason for the nine-year military conflict in Ukraine, which could turn into a World War III with fatal consequences for mankind. By launching a special military operation (SSO), Russia is fighting a just battle for its freedom and independence, to protect the people of Donbass from Ukrainian neo-Nazism, to demilitarise and denazify Ukraine.

The freedom-loving peoples can oppose imperialist expansion and neo-fascism spreading in the world and defend their independence by joining their efforts. We call upon the participants of the International Conference of the World Anti-Imperialist Platform to deploy more actively the struggle against imperialism and its progeny - fascism, against the US attempts to unleash a third world war.

The Deepening Contradictions of Imperialism

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| Britain

Joti Brar

Comrades, I began my party’s contribution to our conference in Caracas two months ago by saying that our event was taking place at a time of crucial importance for the world struggle against imperialism.

I said then that our struggle is becoming more significant every day, that people everywhere are being faced with the hard truth that they simply cannot obtain a secure supply of basic necessities under their present economic conditions – never mind being able to achieve for themselves the peaceful enjoyment of a useful and fulfilling life.

What was true two months ago is even truer today. The contradictions of the global capitalist-imperialist economic system are becoming deeper every day. The economic crisis is becoming ever more acute and problematical for the imperialist financiers, and as a result their drive to war is becoming ever more desperate and urgent.

Since we last met, we have seen – those of us who pay attention to such things – the collapse of several important financial institutions in the heartlands of imperialism. Our rulers are desperate to hide from view this slow-motion (for now) collapse of their financial system, which is rotten to its core. They do not want us

to understand that the banks are collapsing as a result of bad debt, which is itself a symptom of the deep and inescapable crisis of capitalist overproduction.

Information about these bank collapses has not been printed on the front pages of the popular press in the west. Each bank has been quietly bailed out by imperialist governments, while their chief economic spokesmen continue to reassure themselves and each other that everything is fine: nothing to see here.

Our rulers hope to avoid contagion and panic by guaranteeing every deposit in every bank, no matter how large the deposit or how insolvent the bank. They have guaranteed unlimited support to every bank everywhere.

How can they do this?

Only by printing the money required to bail out the banks.

In this way, the imperialists hope to avoid the social unrest that would arise from allowing the banks to collapse in an uncontrolled way.

And what will be the effect of this action?

That the social unrest that they are trying to avoid will simply be postponed for a little while, until the money-printing they are now indulging in has compounded the runaway inflation they have already produced by printing huge amounts of money over the last 15 years – in particular following crises in 2008, 2020 and 2022 – to bail out failing banks, rescue stock markets and subsidise monopolies.

The imperialists indulge this reckless response because it is in their nature to ‘kick the can down the road’. Because they are hoping that if they can postpone this social explosion, something will occur to rescue them in the meantime.

But what is this something?

The miracle they are awaiting is the longed-for destruction of the territorial integrity and economic and political independence of the great territories of Russia and China.

They want to repeat the orgy of looting that saved their failing system in the 1990s after the fall of the USSR and the European socialist countries.

But the imperialism of today is not the imperialism of 1991. Its economic foundation is infinitely weaker, its technological dominance is likewise coming to an end, and its social cohesion is being destroyed along with the destruction of the welfare provisions that were granted to its workers at home after 1945.

As a result, the imperialists’ ability to dominate the world has been fatally undermined. Today, the US-led Nato imperialist bloc faces a rapidly growing and increasingly united anti-imperialist counterweight, whose united forces the USA and its allies, even with all their financial and military resources, simply do not have the power to defeat.

And the powers at the heart of that alliance – China, Russia and the DPRK – have made it absolutely clear that they will fight to defend themselves and are prepared for any war the imperialists might launch against them.

In Europe, this war has already begun. Comrades of the Platform are united in describing Russia’s special military operation as a just and defensive war for the Russian people and a war of liberation for the antifascist population of the Donbass and other resistance regions of what was once the Soviet Socialist Republic of Ukraine.

We are united in opposing the imperialist propaganda – and those who repeat this propaganda within the working-class movement – about ‘Russian aggression’ and ‘Russian imperialism’. Such an analysis, instead of enlightening people, relies on the people’s ignorance about the background and context to the war and reinforces bourgeois lies. It is profoundly ahistorical and anti-materialist.

We are likewise united in opposing the same imperialist propaganda – and all those who repeat it in our movement – about ‘Chinese aggression’ and ‘Chinese

imperialism’; or even about ‘North Korean aggression’ and ‘North Korean expansionism’.

We understand, and pledge ourselves to do everything possible to bring this understanding to the people of our countries and to masses of the world, that China and the DPRK are targeted by the US-led imperialist bloc not as ‘imperialist rivals’ or even because they are socialist, but because they are independent states with governments that are effective in preventing the imperialist superexploitation of their people and resources.

Standing today in colonised Seoul, we see that we are in a city dominated by the obscene presence of the world’s largest military base. That this ‘south Korea’ is a state entirely constructed by the power and under the diktat of US imperialism. That the national-liberation struggle of the Korean people has been frustrated; that the political and economic life of this territory has been subordinated; that the army and state forces here are under the complete control of the USA.

We cannot but remember the extreme historical injustice perpetrated against the Korean people. These are people who fought valiantly against Japanese imperialist occupation from 1910 to 1945; who emerged from the second world war on the side of the victors. The Japanese had been defeated by the Korean forces of national liberation when the Soviet soldiers of the Red Army arrived in the north of the country and the US army arrived in the south.

But whereas the people were allowed to freely organise and determine their future in the area under Soviet supervision, in the south it was quite otherwise. Despite their talk of being ‘liberators’, the US imperialists refused to leave at the agreed time. Instead they stayed and set up a puppet regime, through which they continue to rule – only alternating between fascistic or ‘reformist’ frontmen as the times have demanded, and the better to fool the people.

The division of Korea into two parts – the occupation of the south, the brutal separation of families, the forcible rupture of ties between compatriots who have shared a common territory and culture for thousands of years – is a historical injustice that must be rectified.

United Korea would have the resources, the manpower, and the military, industrial and technological strength to be a social and economic powerhouse. Rather than allow such a strong and independent country to develop in east Asia, on the borders of both Russia and China, US imperialist interference has forced war, division and

subjugation onto the Korean people.

But, in Korea as elsewhere, the contradictions of the capitalist economic crisis are becoming acute, and the conditions that will enable the people to bring an end to their humiliation at the hands of US imperialism are developing fast.

Not only are the economic and war crises manifesting with particular sharpness in your country, but the presence of the DPRK with its strong military in the north, and the existence of such a revolutionary force as the People's Democracy Party in the south, create a high possibility that the war that the imperialists are working hard to provoke on your territory will result not only in the defeat of the imperialist forces, but in the rapid completion of your national-liberation struggle, the reunification of your divided country and the emergence of a strong and united Korea under revolutionary anti-imperialist leadership.

Comrades, with the war drive intensifying at an accelerating speed, communists and anti-imperialists everywhere must form the strongest possible union in order to ensure the sympathy and support of the masses for the wars of reunification and self-defence that are being forced onto China and the DPRK.

I have been asked by some comrades why the Platform

insists on creating so much work. Why so many conferences? Why so many actions? Why so many speeches and statements? Are we not just keeping ourselves busy?

No, comrades, we are not simply keeping ourselves busy to no purpose. The rapidly developing war situation, and the rottenness at the heart of much of what calls itself the world communist movement, impels our action.

We must travel to different parts of the world in order to draw as many parties as possible into unified action. At the same time as we bring our founding document, the Paris Declaration, to the attention of organisations and workers all over the world, we must also develop and refine our message to embrace the specific conditions in different regions and to reflect the rapidly developing world situation.

We must do everything in our power to strengthen the forces of socialism and anti-imperialism, whose fates are intertwined and who face a common enemy.

We must do everything possible to ensure that the coming battles are decisive, that the imperialist enemies of humanity are finally defeated, and that our people are at last able to progress towards true, socialist peace and civilisation.

Recent Japan Situation and Anti-US Imperialism Movement

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1. DPRK missile

In April 2023, North Korea launched a missile, and emergency alerts went off on TV and cell phones in Japan. It stirs up fear of North Korea among the Japanese people.

North Korea's missile launches have a defensive purpose against the U.S.-South Korea-Japan military alliance, and though it is just a missile test, the alerts sound as if an attack to Japan is imminent. It only incites people to feel fear and hatred toward North Korea.

Meanwhile, there are no media coverage about the root cause of the missile launches: It is the U.S.-South Korean military exercise and alliance and the US refusal to negotiate with the North. No missile launch tests were

conducted when President Trump negotiated with North Korea.

However, after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol took office and took a hard-line policy, U.S.-South Korean military exercises increased. And he visited to the US in April and ask the US to defend South Korea with even the nuclear weapons. It also constitutes a threat to North Korea.

The US, Japan and South Korea are using the North Korea missile launches as an excuse to build up their military power against North Korea and China.

2. Taiwan contingency

Regarding the situation in Taiwan, similar move has taken place. Japanese government stirs up the threat of China's invasion of Taiwan. Japan's government is constructing missile sites in South West islands close to Taiwan. Enhanced missiles system is a threat to China.

The government is strengthening the capability of enemy-base attack and will double its military budget over the next five years. This militarization is against its policy of exclusive defense by Article 9 of the Constitution.

Meanwhile, the US and their allies express their commitment to the “One China” policy, but we can see their military support to Taiwan.

The meeting in April 2023 between Taiwan President Tsai and the US House Speaker, McCarthy invited the anger of China. It is a provocation to China. The sale of arms by the US to Taiwan is also the same. Any attempt to defense Taiwan by other countries constitutes interference in China’s internal affairs.

The US intervention was also the catalyst for the Ukrainian war: the US-NATO provocations against Russia have been building up over the years, including NATO’s expansion moves to Ukraine, the US intervention in the Maidan coup, and the use of neo-Nazis to attack the Russian population.

The Taiwan contingency scenario presented by CSIS, a US think tank, details joint military action by the US, Japan, and Taiwan in the event of China invades Taiwan. But Taiwan is not an independent nation recognized by UN and most of international community, so the Taiwan’s request to the US for collective defense does not constitute collective self-defense under the UN Charter article 51. So the interference of the US in Taiwan contingency is against the UN Charter.

The US also made an agreement with the Philippines government to use four new military bases for the event of a Taiwan contingency. They are located in the Norther part of the Philippines close to Taiwan. It was based on EDCA and mutual defense treaty. This move is also a threat to China.

3. Ukraine war

On the Ukraine war, the G7 foreign ministers gathered in Japan in April 16 to 18th and confirmed to continue the economic sanctions against Russia and military support for Ukraine.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol has also recently spoken of arms aid to Ukraine. The Japanese government is also moving to provide with arms aid.

However, this is only a small part in the global level. Many of the Global South countries are not participating in economic sanctions against Russia; the G7 has confirmed its outreach to India, but the G20, BRICS, and other emerging countries are distinct from the Western

countries, and many of them are advocating a ceasefire in the Ukraine war. The US and its European allies continue to provide arms to Ukraine. It only benefits the military industry in the US. However, the escalation of the war leads to nuclear war, which would deprive the lives of many civilians and personnel. We call for a ceasefire as soon as possible.

4. Anti US Imperialism movement in East Asia

The anti-military alliance movement is weak in East Asia. To certainly, there are anti-U.S. military base movements in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines. Although U.S. military bases are a bastion of U.S. domination in Asia, the anti-U.S. military base struggle does not necessarily mean anti-military alliance movement. In Okinawa, the anti-U.S. military base movement is strong, and the governor of Okinawa Prefecture opposes the new base at Henoko, but he is in favor of the Japan-U.S. alliance.

The anti-U.S. military base struggle is framed on the grounds of harm to residents and inequality with the US. However, the anti-military alliance movement is a question about the international order to lead to the confrontation of military block between West and China, Russia, North Korea. Eliminating military alliances is the most crucial movement to prevent military tensions and conflicts and to maintain peace. This is also consistent with the concept of the UN Charter.

The U.S.-Japan-South Korea military alliance is a manifestation of U.S. domination of Asia, but I think the Japanese peace movement has a particularly weak perspective from the perspective of U.S. domination of Asia. The current peace movement in Japan is based on the premise of the Japan-U.S. alliance and expects the U.S. to protect it to some extent. The reason for this is that anti-China, anti-Russia, and anti-North Korea media are propagated daily in Japan and are deeply rooted in society. For this reason, the Japanese Communist Party has not emphasized much on the slogan of the Abolition of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty in order to increase its seats in the parliamentary elections.

However, I fear that if this trend continues, the Japan-U.S. alliance system will become deeply rooted in Japanese society, and it will become more and more difficult to disengage from the Japan-U.S. alliance. We need to grow the anti-US imperialist movement in Japan and Asia as well.

In South Korea, too, there is a fundamental contradiction in trying to achieve unification of North

and South Korea while maintaining a hostile military alliance. President Moon once advocated a North-South peace treaty. However, this could not be achieved because it maintained the U.S.-Korea alliance.

5. Lessons Learned from the U.S. Destruction of the Natural Gas Pipeline Between Russia and Germany

In September 2022, Nord Stream 2, a natural gas pipeline connecting Russia and Germany, was destroyed; in February 2023, U.S. journalist Seymour Hersh published an investigative article claiming that the United States was involved in the destruction. It was suggested that this was a plot by the U.S. to draw Germany away from its economic dependence on Russia. There is also an internal leaked article from the RAND Corporation, a US think tank, which corroborates the

story. The plot is that the U.S. will start a war in Ukraine to separate Germany, a member of NATO, from Russia by putting it in a position where it will have no choice but to confront Russia.

Applying this to the Asian case, the U.S. could use the Taiwan contingency to escalate the confrontation and even launch a war in Taiwan if Japan and South Korea develop closer economic ties with China, in order to draw Japan and South Korea away from China. South Korea produces its semiconductors in China, and China is the largest trading partner for Japan as well. The lesson from Ukraine is that when allies move economically closer to China, the U.S. will try to destroy that relationship. Such attempts are extremely dangerous.

‘Forward with The Worldwide Development of The Anti-Imperialist Platform!’

Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action) | Chile
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Comrade members of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, to the organizations and Parties present, to their leaders and political cadres, in the name of the First Secretary of the Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action), P.C.(A.P.) comrade Eduardo Artés, of our Central Committee and the whole Party, we greet this international conference, of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, at a time when the aggression of Yankee Imperialism together with NATO is increasing.

We salute this meeting and congratulate the organizers, as we understand the magnitude of the efforts made to accomplish the task of moving forward united against the war that US imperialism, NATO and the puppet governments intend to drag the whole world into.

This new conference follows the central ideas of the previous meetings in Paris, Belgrade and Caracas, which is the deepest unity of the peoples of the world to avoid the aggressive war of US imperialism together with its NATO partners, which use their immense material resources to ensure the obedience of governments and political parties, that strengthen the fascist ideas of the big pro-imperialist bourgeoisie, as well as encourage the reactionary ideological and political aspects in governments and parliaments, ensuring that the set

of laws allow greater control and repression of the revolutionary, progressive and above all communist organizations, and that we raise the proposals of sovereignty and self-determination of the peoples.

The anti-communist, liberal and ultra-right propaganda is supported directly or indirectly, wherever there is a danger of the construction and development of revolutionary ideas against US imperialism and its partners and NATO lackeys.

Here we can already see a task that we are ready to assume, and that is to make greater and permanent efforts to fill all the spaces with real information about what is happening in the main points of confrontation that are becoming more and more direct, such as: Ukraine, Taiwan and the Korean peninsula itself, not to mention the waves of false propaganda aimed at delegitimizing sovereign governments, such as those of Iran, Syria, Palestine, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, etc.

Comrades, we think that it is necessary to use all spaces to educate the peoples of the world about the real reasons that drive the war of US imperialism, on how imperialism uses NATO member countries, and all countries that are subjected by its ideological, political, economic, cultural influence, including military dependencies or overt or covert military interventions, for its purposes of maintaining its hegemony at all costs.

The war orchestrated by NATO, that is to say, by the

US, in Ukraine, seeks to expand to other regions of the world, hastening a warlike escalation that will allow them to get out, for a while, of the deep crisis of the capitalist model of production, generating a massive sale of armaments and supplies, strengthening the war industry.

This warlike escalation of the US, NATO and puppet governments is sending millions of human beings to imperialist war, this is the stark face, the most horrible face, of US imperialism and its NATO partners, to avoid the inevitable, which is the overcoming of the already ruined form of capitalist production.

Here we have a second commitment, and that is to organize a rearguard to prevent, limit or stop the war plans in terms of a permanent and secure supply of raw materials, as well as greater commitments for direct interventions in rejection of US imperialism and its partners. It is becoming more urgent every day to organize all the progressive forces of the world behind the demand: No to the war of the US, NATO and the puppet governments of imperialism.

We have already indicated in our intervention in Caracas by our First Secretary, comrade Eduardo Artes, that we identify at least three spaces of struggles against fascism, today promoted and supported by the US and NATO, which we must differentiate: The struggle at the level of the States or governments; the struggle that we must organize at the level of the broad oppressed popular masses and the tasks of the communist and revolutionary parties.

For these reasons, it is becoming more and more urgent to promote at the level of the popular masses the concept of unsatisfied social demands, which are permanently growing due to the shortage of food, medicines, construction materials, tools, raw materials, etc. The speculation is shameless and seeks to unload the crisis of the capitalist system on the backs of the peoples.

Everyday millions of exploited people, in different parts of the world, join the army for peace in the world and in case of large-scale war, in an army ready to break their chains of exploitation.

We know that without the presence of an organization that gives revolutionary leadership to the broad popular masses in the world, peace among the peoples will be impossible, it is necessary to advance to clarify the perspective of overcoming the backward capitalist forms of production.

Our commitment is to make every effort to build a

powerful rearguard and in the event of a full-scale war, to fight for independence and sovereignty in order to advance a clear socialist perspective.

We would like to reiterate what has already been stated:

The existence of Latin American countries fighting for their sovereignty and advancing in the construction of socialism are inseparable parts in the confrontation and defeat of the US, NATO and their puppet governments.

With revolutionary application of communist theory, enriched with the synthesis of the experiences of the workers' and popular movement of the whole world, we will work to advance in the unity that will allow us to deal a mortal blow to US imperialism, the main enemy of the peoples of the world.

The strategy and tactics of the communist and revolutionary parties in the various countries will be, according to the characteristics of each place, adequate to the class struggle and its manifestations. This implies recognizing the capital-labor contradiction as essential or fundamental of the epoch of capitalism and its current imperialist development.

Today the capitalist form of production is being surpassed by a superior and mutually beneficial economy, in different parts of the world. This allows a new leap in the relations between countries, taking away spaces of domination from the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, as well as the dollar as the dominant currency. This weakens US imperialism, however we know that it will not allow itself to be displaced without exhausting all forms of struggle to maintain its domination, including the war of aggression and subjugation.

The main contradiction that runs through the dependent and semi-colonial capitalist countries of Africa, Asia, America and part of Europe exploited by the centers of international finance capital, is the contradiction, oppressed country versus imperialism. Today US imperialism clearly struggles to deepen the oppression and super-exploitation of the dependent countries.

The tactic of the parties that aspire to the seizure of political power, we believe, must be to appeal to the patriotic factor of national liberation.

The duty of communists and revolutionaries is to convince and mobilize behind a project emanating from the working class, and presented to the popular sectors, to the small and medium productive and commercial bourgeoisie, which can converge in a plan of national

salvation. This plan, according to the level of productive development, can be a motive of patriotic reaffirmation, which is indispensable for a national project, as part of the Popular Democratic process of road and orientation to a socialist society.

The mobilization and unity of the revolutionary and communist parties, we think, has a history, as did the Anti-Fascist United Front. This tactic served the revolutionaries to stop fascism, and today it will be useful for us, not only to cut the hands of the brown beast of financial capital, but also to US imperialism and its NATO partners, who seek together with all the obscurantist forces, to suffocate the yearnings for national sovereignty, industrial development, popular democracy, all of which are the basis for a higher quality of life, which societies demand in various forms and claims.

The tasks of sovereignty and national self-determination, which each people seeks to achieve, interdependently help countries and states that have achieved their sovereignty and their particular socio-political projects.

Each achievement that the peoples of the world realize on their road to national and social liberation, strengthens those who are already walking steadily on their independent path, since imperialism will not be able to concentrate its blow on a single enemy, and by diversifying its fronts of struggle, its force of aggression, it will not be able to use it in a single way, to a single people or State under attack.

When some self-proclaimed revolutionary, progressive and Communist Parties try to give the character of

“imperialist” to the People’s Republic of China and “warlike” to the Russian Federation or the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, they only strengthen US imperialism, NATO and the puppet governments, since they generate artificial divisions that divide the oppressed peoples, preventing their unity to strike and overthrow US imperialism and its NATO Partners.

The false idea of giving the People’s Republic of China or the Russian Federation the quality of imperialism only strikes at the states allied to those fighting against national exploitation and oppression, it does not affect US imperialism.

In broad progressive sectors, the aggressive and warmongering policy of the United States is hated and despised.

This campaign, promoted within the popular forces, has a clear intention to divide and prevent the unity of the oppressed peoples, this campaign is directed and promoted by the U.S. intelligence services such as the CIA, as well as other economic powers opposed to the struggles for independence and national sovereignty.

It is our duty to fully clarify these slanders and unmask the undercover agents who seek to create confusion and division among the progressive and revolutionary forces of the world.

Comrades, the hope of the peoples to defeat the imperialist aggression of the United States, NATO and their puppet governments lies in strengthening the World Anti-Imperialist Platform. We will win!

Forward with the worldwide development of the Anti-Imperialist Platform!

‘Down With Imperialism, Colonialism, and Zionism!’

Party of Communists USA | USA

Christopher J. Helali

Distinguished comrades, delegates, and guests,

On behalf of the Party of Communists USA, I bring the warmest greetings, solidarity, and best wishes for the success of this conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform in Seoul, South Korea. We salute you!

I want to take a moment to remember and honor all the Korean people who have struggled against imperialism, colonialism, and fascism for over a century. From imprisonment and torture to martyrdom,

the Korean people have heroically struggled against Japanese imperialism, US imperialism and its allies during the Fatherland Liberation War, and against fascist military dictatorships imposed on the Korean people. We honor their memory as we collectively struggle to end imperialism and reunify the Korean people and homeland.

On May 9th we commemorated the 78th anniversary of the heroic anti-fascist victory of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany. Over 27 million people in the Soviet Union were killed, the largest death toll of any nation in World War II. Communist partisans resisted the fascists

in every corner of the world, bringing liberation to the oppressed masses who had suffered so brutally under fascist rule. This year's commemoration is all the more poignant given the ongoing denazification operation and war of liberation being waged by the Russian Federation in Ukraine.

As we stand on Korean soil, we must recognize not only the history of imperialist aggression and brutality, but the active nature of this battlefield. Like Ukraine, the Korean peninsula is in the crosshairs of US-EU-NATO imperialism. With the support of its regional allies, the United States continues its aggressive, brutal, and illegal sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The United States continues to escalate tensions on the Korean peninsula, notably through its large joint military exercises and drills. These actions continue to pose a clear and present danger to the DPRK and ultimately threaten peace and stability in the region and around the world.

The ongoing regional battlefields are no doubt part of a much larger war. Some have argued that we are already in the beginning stages of World War III. This argument analyzes the international dimensions of ongoing regime change operations like those in Syria, categorizing them as proxy wars comprising much larger Euro-Atlantic imperialist aggression and confrontation.

For our purposes, it would be accurate to understand these battlefields, in particular Ukraine, the Korean peninsula, and Taiwan, as comprising a much larger imperialist front in a war for global hegemony and Euro-Atlantic supremacy. To confront this imperialist front, we must unite and form a single anti-imperialist front that can meet this unprecedented challenge. That is our historic duty. It cannot be understated how close we are to annihilation. The death cult that is the US-EU-NATO axis have brought the world to the brink of nuclear confrontation in Ukraine and seek to do the same in Taiwan and in Korea. With their goal of weakening and balkanizing Russia and China, the United States and its allies continue to pursue a reckless foreign policy. Rather than heeding the goodwill shown by the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China over the past decades, the United States seeks to prevent the emergence of a multipolar world-system that challenges its hegemony at all costs.

The United States continues to stoke fear and anxiety about Russia and China amongst its people. This fearmongering is purely for domestic consumption

and aims to bolster support for US imperial aims. Russia, especially under the Trump administration, was accused by some sections of the ruling class of election interference and meddling in US internal affairs. Hurling outrageous and unsubstantiated claims, the United States resurrected Cold War fears and anxieties. We know this to be pure projection. It is the United States that meddles in elections abroad and overthrows regimes who do not submit to its rule. Yet, the US and its allies have now achieved their mission of bringing war to Russia vis-à-vis Ukraine. Like the sacrificial lamb in ancient times, the United States has prepared its blood sacrifice, offering the people and nation of Ukraine on the altar of war.

The age-old question once again echoes in our ears and in our movement. What is to be done? Before we rush to answer that question, we must first understand the nature of contemporary imperialism. This, I would argue, is the most important ideological question of our time. It should come as no surprise to those of us assembled here that a profound ideological crisis plagues the international communist movement. The divisions have become all the more acute following the Special Military Operation launched by the Russian Federation in 2022. This was apparent when two conflicting statements emerged from the International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in Havana, Cuba in October 2022.

The division can be summarized as follows: one pole of the international communist movement, led by the Communist Party of Greece (KKE), sees the ongoing war in Ukraine as an inter-imperialist war, that is to say, a war between two imperialist blocs. This viewpoint sees Russia as indistinguishable from the US-EU-NATO axis. That is, both the United States and Russia are imperialist powers. The other pole, led by communist parties like the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (KPRF) and many, if not all of us assembled here, see this war as a confrontation between US-EU-NATO imperialism and Russia. This pole, which our party is firmly supportive of, sees this war as an act of imperialist expansion, provocation, and escalation on the part of the US-EU-NATO against the Russian Federation. We do not see Russia as an imperialist power that is equal to the United States.

What this division ultimately reveals is the failure to grasp imperialism in our times. Not only is there a poor ideological understanding of imperialism, but also

a failure to grasp and analyze international relations through a realistic version of Marxism-Leninism. I would argue that we as Communists must understand how imperialism functions and the difference between core, semi-periphery, and periphery countries. The characterization of Russia as imperialist fails to account for the enormous differences that exist between the United States and Russia. Russia has a much smaller economy than the United States and would not be economically characterized as a core country. At best, one might argue that it is a core country in the region but on the whole, Russia is economically many times smaller than the United States. Even worse, the belief that Russia is no different than the United States only supports US-EU-NATO propaganda, feeding the reactionary and fascist ideologies that are behind NATO and EU expansion. It is a strange and disturbing historical twist that so many communist parties reject the denazification of a country whose Western backed coup brought into power neo-Nazi and Banderite forces.

V. I. Lenin's theoretical contribution to the study of imperialism included an understanding that imperialism was the highest stage of capitalism. This stage of capitalism is characterized by an intensification of the competition between monopolies, increased financialization, and the ever-expanding drive to partition the world for capital. The struggle between the imperialist core and those developing or underdeveloped countries reveals the contradictions of the capitalist world-system. This uneven development clearly indicates the power of the imperialist core to not only control economies, markets, and political developments, but to maintain its hegemony in the semi-periphery and periphery.

This pursuit and struggle to maintain global domination is at the very core of US imperialism. One need only analyze foreign military bases to understand the true scope and dimensions of contemporary imperialism. The United States has over 800 foreign military. Some estimates put that number at nearly 1000 bases to account for all the CIA and covert sites. In stark contrast, Russia has less than 20 foreign military bases with China coming in at 2.

From these military bases, the United States and its allies are able to control important trade routes, protect vital interests in raw materials like petroleum, and exploit nations who have the resources the imperial core needs. While some hurl accusations of China and Russia

being imperialist, nothing can be farther from the truth. Both use win-win diplomacy and a people-centered philosophy to guide their international relations and dealings with foreign nations. Socialism with Chinese Characteristics has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty and contributed to the well-being of all the people in China.

How often do we hear criticisms of China in Africa? Does China do what King Leopold did in the Congo or what the British, French, Germans, and other European powers did? Does China have an AFRICOM like the United States does, basing and launching operations throughout the continent? The answer is a resounding "no." China has poured trillions of yuan to develop many African nations, even cancelling debt and agreeing to generous terms. The United States on the other hand has had a major role in destabilizing the continent and overthrowing governments like Qaddafi's in Libya.

The ongoing US-China escalations will have major consequences for all of us. War is coming to East Asia. As we stand here in Korea, we must understand that the US presence here puts the Korean people in jeopardy. If need be, the Korean people and the people on Taiwan will be sacrificed for the aims of US-EU-NATO imperialism. We must understand this and we have a sacred obligation to fight against any imperialist aggression and war.

Our tasks moving forward require all of us to continue to investigate and understand the contemporary nature of imperialism. We must be united and we must challenge the ultra-left, revisionist, and reactionary poles that have taken hold in the international communist movement. We must oppose opportunism and factionalism at all costs. This will require ideological warfare and polemics to take shape within the international communist movement. Our strategy must be to confront imperialism and to unite revolutionary and anti-imperialist forces under one banner. The tactics will be different for all of us given our particular contexts but the strategy remains the same. The stakes are too high for us to sit idly by as the flames of war are kindled around the world.

We in the United States, recognizing that we live in the imperial core, understand our obligation and responsibilities to confront US imperialism at home and abroad. As anti-imperialists, we recognize the nature of the struggle of the people in the Donbass, of the Korean people, of the Chinese people, of the

Palestinians, Saharawis, Cubans, Venezuelans, and of all the people around the world who struggle for an end to imperialism, for an end to capitalism, and for their national liberation.

We will continue to struggle against US-EU-NATO imperialism as we continue on the path to construct socialism-communism. We will continue to strengthen our ties, to build our anti-imperialist movement, and to

unite our forces to defeat imperialism once and for all.

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND ZIONISM!

DOWN WITH THE US-EU-NATO AXIS!

LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

VICTORY TO THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLES AROUND THE WORLD!

Let Us March Forward Towards Victory, Holding Higher The Banner of Anti-Imperialism!

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Today we are living in the era of the third world war. In eastern Europe, the war in Ukraine broke out in 2022, and in east Asia, wars in south Korea and Taiwan are imminent. The third world war began with the war in Ukraine and will become global with the outbreak of war in east Asia. The war in south Korea and the war in Taiwan are essentially connected. Therefore, these wars in east Asia are on one battlefield. At the moment, there is fighting on only one theatre, in eastern Europe, but when the battlefield in east Asia forms, there will be two battlefields. The single front that embraces these two theatres of war is the united anti-imperialist front. Consequently, the formation of east Asian battlefields leads to one front and two battlefields – one anti-imperialist front spanning two battlefields in eastern Europe and east Asia.

While battlefields also exist in the middle east and Latin America, and contradictions in the USA itself are intensifying, the war theatres in eastern Europe and east Asia have a different characteristic, which is their potential to provoke a nuclear conflict between the world's largest militaries. Unfortunately, eastern Europe and east Asia are the most dangerous places where tactical nuclear weapons are most likely to be used in practice. The US imperialists have already deployed their B61-12 tactical nuclear missiles to Italy, Poland, Germany and other sites in Europe. In east Asia, F-35 stealth bombers, which can carry a B61-21, have frequently been involved in war exercises aimed at north Korea. The infamous 1990s OPLAN 5027 nuclear war

plan targeting the DPRK has recently been expanded and modified into OPLAN 5029, 5030 and 5055. With the inauguration of the Yoon Suk-yeol government last year, nuclear war and invasion rehearsals have been conducted with unprecedented frequency and ferocity.

The imperialist alliance, including the USA, pushed forward with its strategic plan for the eastward expansion of Nato after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the east European socialist bloc in 1991. While bombing Belgrade in 1999, Nato forces even destroyed the Chinese embassy. Dismantling Yugoslavia, the imperialists didn't conceal their aim of expanding this same Balkanising model to Russia and China. From the mid 1990s onwards, they pursued a policy of isolating and suffocating the DPRK, even causing two million north Korean people to die of starvation. The imperialist forces' strategy of dismembering Russia and China and destroying the DPRK has been embodied in various provocative manoeuvres over the last three decades. Each time, Russia, China and north Korea had to exercise the utmost patience to prevent a war crisis. However, the eight-year genocide of ethnic Russians after the Maidan coup in 2014 and the Nato-led neo-nazi invasion of the Donbass crossed a red line for Russia.

For China, the stoking of the Taiwan independence movement, and for north Korea, the advent of a fascistic belligerent government in south Korea and their plans for a pre-emptive nuclear strike exercise against it, are also crossing red lines. The war situation in east Asia developed fiercely in the second half of last year as the suspicious assassination of Prime Minister Abe last July helped promote Japan's plan for remilitarisation. This was combined with US House Speaker Pelosi's provocative visit to the Taiwan in August, and the

dangerous entry of the Reagan nuclear-powered aircraft carriers into south Korea in September. Already this year, Taiwan's president visited the USA, south Korean president Yoon Suk-yeol visited Japan to meet with Kishida and finalised the formation of the US-Japan-South Korea 'trilateral military alliance', and even more nuclear war exercises were conducted against north Korea, mobilising a US nuclear aircraft carrier, nuclear submarines and nuclear bombers, east Asia finds itself now on the brink of a nuclear war that really could break out at any moment.

Among all south Korea's pro-US stooge governments, the most corrupt and incompetent, the most fascistic and belligerent of them all has been the new regime of Yoon Suk-yeol. Under the orders of its puppet-master, the USA, Yoon Suk-yeol visited Japan to finish the formation of the US-Japan-South Korea 'trilateral military alliance', which is described as the "Asian Nato", and strengthened the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), frantically conducting nuclear war exercises against the DPRK alongside the USA and Japan. In the unprecedented economic crisis that broke out amid the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, and fuelled by the 'three highs' of high oil prices, high interest rates and a high dollar, the economic crisis in south Korea is now surpassing the 1997 IMF crisis (the state of 'economic trusteeship' in which south Korea had to receive a bailout from the IMF) and the 2008 financial crisis that spread across the world from the United States banking system. As a result, the south Korean people are suffering their worst conditions in decades and are being driven to the brink in this 'Hell Chosun', where now it has the highest suicide rate in the world. Our people are holding candlelight demonstrations by themselves and are moving towards a people's uprising by the popular demand having escalated from "Resign, Yoon Suk-yeol government!" to "Overthrow the Yoon Suk-yeol government!"

Believing that we on the verge of witnessing a decisive counterattack by the anti-imperialist forces against the provocations of imperialism, it follows that the organisation of mass anti-imperialist struggle on a global scale has become an urgent practical task demanded by the times and the people. The World Anti-imperialist Platform, as the first of its three goals, affirms its intention to organise this anti-imperialist mass struggle, holding world anti-imperialist joint struggles every month. Along with members of the Platform, we have

launched the Platform News website and strengthened our social media presence, doing what we can to expose the provocations and atrocities of imperialism and to spread information about the achievements of the growing anti-imperialist struggle day by day. In Latin America, where the anti-imperialist mass struggle is part of daily life in many countries, we recently held our third international conference and organised an anti-imperialist demonstration in Caracas, Venezuela, on the tenth anniversary of the death of Comandante Hugo Chávez.

As the contradictions between the anti-imperialist forces and the imperialist bloc are intensified, the manoeuvres of the revisionist, opportunist, factionalist group in the international communist movement are becoming more severe. It is logical and predictable that the World Anti-imperialist Platform, standing at the spearhead of the ideological war, should be slandered by the factionalist and opportunist groups, which revise revolutionary principles, commit left and right opportunist errors, divide the international communist camp, and objectively serve the interests of the enemy. Against the fact that international factionalist and opportunist groups recklessly counter Lenin's thesis on "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" with the absurd "imperialist pyramid" theory, claiming that every capitalist country is also an imperialist one, disturbing and splitting the international communist camp as Kautsky and Trotsky did, the World Anti-imperialist Platform is impelled to wage its scientific ideological warfare more sharply and militantly.

Having insisted that Russia is imperialist and defined the war in Ukraine as an 'interimperialist war', the international factionalist and opportunist group are now repeating their error, defining China as imperialist and declaring that the imminent war in Taiwan will also be one of inter-imperialist rivalries. They even declare the DPRK to be a capitalist country because it has some elements of the market and conducts trade. Following the logic of their argument that every capitalist country is imperialist, they finally define North Korea as imperialist and consider the imminent war in South Korea as another result of inter-imperialist rivalries. Despite the fine words and insinuating looks, the counter-revolutionary nature of international factionalist and opportunist forces has already been exposed. Proven by the Caracas international conference in Latin America, there is no sincere communist or anti-

imperialist force on that continent that regards Russia and China as imperialist, and defines the war in Ukraine as an ‘interimperialist war’. And we find the same in Asia and Africa. As time goes by, the errors of the opportunists are being revealed by practice and theory, becoming ever more obvious. It is inevitable that the promoters of these ideas will become more and more isolated in the world.

Aiming to spread world anti-imperialist mass struggle, to conduct an ideological warfare against the international factionalist and opportunist forces, and to strengthen the international communist movement, we will make every effort to remain at the forefront of this struggle. We will go forward resolutely, follow

the direction of revolutionary science, hold higher the banner of the just anti-imperialist war, and keep shouting powerfully the two slogans proven by our history and practice: “Proletarians of all countries, unite!” and “The people, united, will never be defeated.”

The struggle of our united people will transform the period of great upheaval that we are experiencing into a period of great transition in near future, and will ultimately be developed into a period of great uprising. As we mark the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Soviet forces at Stalingrad, we are convinced both scientifically and with our all hearts that a great victory is on the horizon – one that will echo and even surpass the victory of the popular forces in the second world war.

Seoul Declaration: The Rising Tide of Global War In East Asia

Understanding:

- That the imperialist global economy is in a deep systemic crisis, from which the monopolists are desperately trying to extricate themselves at the expense of the world’s masses.

- That as the economic crisis worsens, the drive of the exploiters to find and control profit-taking opportunities, their drive to maximise profits at all costs, is assuming ever more desperate proportions and pushing the world relentlessly into a third world war.

- That this war, like the two world wars that preceded it, stems from the inescapable contradictions that are built into the system of production for profit – contradictions that went global along with the capitalist market.

- That no cost will be considered too great by the exploiters if they can ultimately be successful in restoring demand to the global capitalist market. This they hope to do via a hugely-expanded need for armaments and via the need for reconstruction following the enormous destruction of lives, products and infrastructure.

- That the logic of capitalist-imperialism is incompatible with and impervious to the logic of human beings; and that this is why the masses have consistently proved unable to persuade the exploiters to modify their behaviour through the force of rational argument, no matter how self-evident are the truths we try to present about shared human needs or mutually-assured destruction.

We, the participants at the World Anti-imperialist Platform international conference in Seoul, declare the following:

- That the escalation of the war in Ukraine was provoked by the US-led Nato imperialist alliance, training and directing its neo-nazi forces, which had looted the country’s people and resources and transformed its army into a proxy force, to be used as a battering ram in a longstanding imperialist quest to destroy the integrity, sovereignty and independence of Russia and open its vast territory up to unfettered looting by western corporations and financiers.

- That the same aggressive imperialist alliance is pushing to open more fronts in its profits-driven war in east Asia, and has to this end spent decades creating proxy armies in Taiwan and south Korea, which it hopes in a similar way to use to destroy the integrity, sovereignty and independence of China and the DPRK, opening up their people and resources to imperialist domination and superexploitation.

- That these regions, though separated by thousands of miles, are intimately connected, forming two fronts in one global war that is being conducted and accelerated by the imperialists, who are trying to shore up their profit margins and preserve their failing system by any means necessary.

- That the people of south Korea, suffering under the

triple burden of the global economic crisis, capitalist exploitation and imperialist domination, have lived for the last 78 years as colonial subjects of the USA, whose bases dominate their country, whose officers direct their military, whose financiers control their economy, and whose secret services direct the entire framework of the their social and political life.

- That the re-arming of Japan is aimed at reinforcing US military structures in the Pacific and at bolstering the proxy armies at the imperialists' disposal in conducting their planned wars against China and the DPRK.

- That the fascistic puppet Yoon Suk-yeol and his government in Seoul are acting on behalf of their US paymasters and selling out the interests of their Korean compatriots in uttering ever more bellicose and reckless statements that indicate their readiness to catapult the country into war at any moment.

- That by endlessly conducting provocative rehearsals for nuclear war and for leadership 'decapitation operations' against the DPRK on south Korean soil, over south Korean airspace and in south Korean waters, the US-led USA-Japan-south Korea 'tripartite alliance' is forcing the people and military of the DPRK onto a permanent war footing, never knowing when one of these 'rehearsals' might be used as a cover for a real invasion.

- That the best defence for the Korean people from this madness is the emerging northern triple alliance of DPRK-China-Russia, whose increasing cooperation in the military and economic spheres offers hope of escape from imperialism's clutches to people across the region.

- That in using the Korean people and land as mere disposable pawns in their moves to control the territory and resources of what they clearly see as a 'grand chess board' – just as they have done with the people of Ukraine, and are preparing to do with the people of

Poland, the Baltic states, Taiwan and elsewhere – the imperialists are showing once again how little they care for the lives of the masses of humanity.

- That in doing so, they are clearly revealing that despite all their subsequent talk of 'never again', the 'rights of nations', 'human rights' and 'equality', their supremacist attitudes remain unchanged since the days when they were hurling the workingmen of the world into the trenches and in front of the cannons of World War One in their tens of thousands.

- That no matter who fires the first shot in any escalation of the wars being incubated in south Korea and in Taiwan, the DPRK and Chinese armies will be fighting a war of self-defence and national liberation.

- That the party that is provoking nuclear confrontation, and which has pushed so many other states into developing these supremely destructive weapons in order not to be forced into colonial subjection, is US imperialism. That the USA is the only country that has used these weapons, and that it only did so when it was sure of no reprisals in kind.

- That the only way to secure full global nuclear disarmament is to destroy once and for all the capitalist-imperialist global system of production for profit and exploitation of man by man and nation by nation. In this quest, all progressive humanity must be firmly on the side of those who are fighting the neo-nazi Nato alliance, no matter where they are situated in the globe or what their present social system may be.

- That the primary contradiction in the world today is that between the US-led Nato imperialist bloc and the mass of suffering humanity, and that the primary task of socialists and anti-imperialists is to maximise the forces that can be brought together to defeat this enemy of human dignity and progress.

Statement of World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Gwangju: Nato's war drive threatens Korea, Taiwan and all of east Asia

Despite the fact that Nato is clearly losing its proxy war in Ukraine, their impending defeat has not stopped the imperialists from accelerating preparations to try the same regime-change strategy in Korea and in China.

Just as in Ukraine's army has for a decade been transformed into a proxy Nato force, and just as whole sections of the Ukrainian population have been groomed to accept their role as cannon fodder to be hurled in front of the Russian guns, so too are the people and armed forces in south Korea and Taiwan being prepared to act as proxy forces in US-led wars aimed at bringing down the governments and getting control of the territory of the DPRK and of China.

In their bid to find proxy forces, the imperialists are not stopping at the borders of Korea or China. They are also doing everything in their power to turn the territory of neighbouring countries into military bases and the armies of those countries into back-up proxy forces – just as we have also seen them doing in eastern Europe.

As in eastern Europe, so in east Asia, the imperialists are prepared for any number of people to die and any number of countries to go up in flames if they can only get their way.

But why are these countries being targeted? What is it that they have in common?

They are targeted not because of their social system, but because of their independence. Because they refuse to bow the knee to the imperialist financiers; refuse to allow their people and resources to be the subject of imperialist superexploitation by western corporations; refuse to allow their economic and political life to be controlled by the CIA and the US state department.

And why should the imperialists be driving to war so desperately at this particular moment?

People all over the world are aware that we are suffering a cost of living crisis that is impoverishing workers everywhere, and the poorest the most. But relatively few understand that our problems are the result of a recurring crisis in the global capitalist system, which is failing because it has impoverished the masses and left them unable to buy all the goods their own labour has produced.

To try to save their failing banks and monopolies, the imperialists are printing money that is causing inflation not only in their own countries, but all over the world. And they are driving to war as the last remaining means for taking hold of those territories that they are not presently able to loot for maximum profits.

The history of the twentieth century shows us that the ultimate means for bringing back demand into the failing global economy is war, which first creates a massive demand for armaments, and later creates a demand for reconstruction of all the products and infrastructure that have been destroyed in the war. As far as the imperialists are concerned, it is also a convenient way of getting rid of large numbers of people, who they consider to be 'surplus', since they cannot find useful work to give them.

This is why our people are being asked to suffer and to fight: to save the economic system which keeps them poor and subjected, and to allow our exploiters to continue to grow rich off the back of our labour.

There is only one way out of this death spiral: we must break the bonds of imperialist domination over the world, and replace the system of wage-slavery with a system of planned production, where each nation's resources are owned collectively and used to meet the needs of the people rather than to make profits for a handful of billionaires; where peace and international cooperation between the peoples of the world take the place of competition and war.

Standing here today in the revolutionary city of Gwangju, on the very spot where so many brave martyrs gave their lives in the cause of Korea's still unfinished nation-liberation struggle, we cannot but be humbled and inspired by their brave actions and their great sacrifice in our shared cause.

The best tribute we can pay to them is to pledge to continue their struggle until final victory. Uniting the widest possible forces to defeat the imperialists in the coming war is the first vital step we must take in the long march to freedom, liberation and socialism for all.

Death to the neo-nazi Nato alliance and its criminal offspring in east Asia, the US-South Korea-Japan trilateral alliance!

Victory to Russia, to China and to the Korean people in their just wars of self-defence and national liberation!

Victory to the united forces of anti-imperialist resistance!



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