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Preface

A weapon for scientific analysis of the political situation and establishment of revolutionary strategy

The World Anti-imperialist Platform (the Platform) was launched in October 2022 in Paris, France, with the International Anti-imperialist Conference.

Since then, it has held the International Anti-imperialist Conferences and Joint Struggles in December 2022, Belgrade, Serbia; in March 2023, Caracas, Venezuela; in May 2023, Gwangju-Seoul, the “Republic of Korea”; in November 2023, Athens, Greece; in July 2024, Washington, the USA; and in October 2024, Dakar, Senegal.

The Platform issued declarations at the International Conferences and statements at the International Joint Struggles.

Among the declarations, the most important are the Paris Declaration in October 2022, which was the first declaration and de facto program, on the war in Ukraine in February 2022, and the Palestine Declaration in November 2023, which was on the war in West Asia (Middle East) in October 2023.

All declarations and statements contain the contents of the world situation at the time, as well as the analysis of the situation

and establishment of strategy in the host country and the continent.

Strengthening the world anti-imperialist struggle, ideological struggle against opportunism, and the international communist movement are the three major goals of the Platform.

The members of the Platform analyze the situation scientifically, discuss seriously to formulate a revolutionary strategy, and then collectively issue declarations and statements at the International Anti-imperialist Conferences.

All the declarations and statements in this book are the most powerful tools and weapons to achieve the three goals of the Platform.

The storm of World War 3 caused by imperialism is blowing from Eastern Europe, through West Asia, to East Asia and the Western Pacific.

The Platform will continue to innovate and move forward to usher in a new world of independence, peace, and revolution.

November 25, 2024

The World Anti-imperialist Platform

Paris Declaration:

The rising tide of global war and the tasks of anti-imperialists

Oct. 14, 2022

Paris International Conference in France

We stand at a moment of grave peril for workers and oppressed peoples everywhere, in which the imperialist war drive is pushing us towards a third world war and a nuclear conflagration.

Even as Nato's aggression in Ukraine is failing both militarily and economically, the USA's desperation to save its hegemonic position in the world means it cannot back down, but is instead looking for ways to expand and prolong the war. In the face of all experience, it seems that the imperialists still hope they can find a way to wear down all resistance to their rule and come out on top.

As a result, we face the prospect of the Ukraine war spilling over into neighbouring countries in Europe and central Asia – and also of the outbreak of hostilities in several other theatres further east. Recent US provocations in Taiwan, alongside its ceaseless ratcheting up of tensions with the DPRK and China on every front, make this all too clear.

At this moment of historic importance, we, the undersigned

parties, agree that the following essential points should be made clear to the masses of the world, and should guide our antiwar and anti-imperialist work:

1. That the conflicts that have already or are threatening to break out are not isolated and local affairs, but are integral parts of the USA's drive to retain its global hegemony.

2. That the present war in Ukraine is not the result of 'Russian aggression' but of this western imperialist drive to war – in particular, the war drive of the USA.

3. That the war really began when the USA and its allies financed, armed and organised a fascist coup in Kiev in 2014, and that the Russian side, in its alliance with the peoples of the Donbass, is engaged in a war of self-defence and national liberation against imperialist attack.

4. That the war drives against China and the DPRK are also a result of imperialist aggression, and that, no matter who fires the first shot, if the threatened conflicts break out in Korea or Taiwan, those wars will likewise be wars of anti-imperialist self-defence and national liberation waged by the Korean and/or Chinese people.

5. That Russia and China's ability to defend themselves and others does not indicate expansionist ambitions or imperialist economics; it is based in decades of planning for self-defence, initiated by the socialist governments of the USSR and the PRC.

6. That there is no economic data to justify characterising China or Russia as imperialist. These are countries that do not live by superexploiting or looting the world. They do not put other countries into military, technological or debt slavery. On the contrary, the beneficial terms of trade and the technological and military assistance they offer are giving smaller developing countries the chance to break out of imperialist enslavement.

7. That Russia and China are the targets of imperialist aggression because both by retaining their own independence, and by assisting other nations to gain theirs, they represent a serious threat to the imperialists' world hegemony.

8. That the growing alliance between Russia and China offers hope to the people of the world: hope of an alternative to US domination and imperialist superexploitation. A strong anti-imperialist camp is our peoples' best defence against the aggressive plans of the bloodthirsty Nato alliance – our best defence against the looming threat of nuclear war.

9. That antiwar activists must mobilise the masses in their countries for a campaign of active non-cooperation with the imperialist war effort aimed at sabotaging Nato's war machinery in every way possible. We must refuse to fight in or assist Nato's armies (direct or proxy). We must refuse to transport Nato's men and materiel. We must refuse to allow Nato's bases to operate unimpeded on our territories. We must refuse to manufacture or supply Nato's armaments and other vital equipment. We must refuse to broadcast, print or distribute imperialist propaganda

lies; and refuse to cooperate with imperialist trade and sanctions wars.

10. That the accelerating war drive, economic crisis, hunger crisis, environmental crisis and more all make it abundantly clear that the need to remove the imperialist economic system is more urgent than ever.

11. That the slogans of true anti-imperialists in this time must be:

Defeat for the Nato-led imperialist alliance! Victory to the resistance! No cooperation with imperialist war!

The rising tide of global war and the tasks of anti-imperialists

(Full text)

We stand at a moment of grave peril for workers and oppressed peoples everywhere. It is incontrovertible that if the current proxy war between Nato and its primary targets (Russia and China) turns into open warfare between the world's strongest military powers, this could lead us not only into the biggest and most terrible conflagration ever seen, but also into an all-out nuclear war.

This is the direction in which the imperialist war drive is pushing us: towards World War 3 and a nuclear confrontation. It may well be that when historians of the future look back, they will find that the opening shots of WW3 have already been fired.

As human beings, we cannot but hope that sanity will prevail, and that even the imperialists will ultimately realise that nobody could possibly 'win' from such a scenario.

Unfortunately, in their role as the representatives of vast stores of monopoly capital, the imperialists are incapable of being guided by such simple human logic. They are compelled to act on behalf of their capital, which must expand, accumulate

and dominate, or die. This is as an iron law of the imperialist economic system, and this is why even the clearest and most powerful of arguments can never persuade its representatives to act 'reasonably'.

This is a moment of historic importance for anti-imperialists. As we witness the growing bellicosity of the USA towards countries it considers to be an impediment to its supremacy – towards Iran, towards the DPRK, and most especially towards Russia and China – it is clear that our response to this war drive is not a minor or an academic question. Our analysis is what underpins our action, and the content of our action will determine the effectiveness of our attempts to impact the world situation in the interests of the working masses against imperialism and for peace and socialism.

Despite the failure of its aggression in Ukraine both militarily and economically, the US-dominated Nato bloc shows no sign of backing down or changing its approach. On the contrary, the USA's desperation to save its hegemonic position in the world by any means necessary is leading it to look for ways to expand and prolong the war. In the face of all the evidence, the US ruling class clearly hopes that it will find some way to wear down its opponents and come out on top.

Thus we face both the possibility of Nato's war spilling over into neighbouring countries in Europe, and of its further spread into countries in Asia. Recent provocations in Taiwan and south Korea, and Nato's ceaseless ratcheting up of tensions with China on every front, only confirm this reckless drive towards more and bigger conflagrations.

As Nato-backed forces in Ukraine continue to wage their proxy

war against Russia, two lines have emerged in the international communist movement.

On the one hand there are those who insist that the war is an interimperialist conflict in which the workers have no side; whilst on the other are those who believe that only one side is conducting an aggressive imperialist war, while the other side is engaged on a just war of self-defence. These two lines differ drastically in their explanation of the present war, and therefore also in the attitude they are asking workers to take towards it.

At this moment of historic importance, we, the undersigned parties, agree that the following essential points should be made clear to the masses in our countries and should guide our orientation towards the imperialist war drive and the anti-imperialist and antiwar movements:

- That the war in Ukraine is not the result of ‘Russian aggression’ but of the western imperialist drive to war – in particular, the war drive of the USA, which is aimed at reinforcing the waning hegemony of US imperialism over the world.

- That the war really began when the USA financed, armed and organised a fascist coup in Kiev in 2014. Following that coup, eight years of antifascist war have been waged by the people of the eastern Donbass region, who refused to accept the imposition of the coup government (a war in which 14,000 deaths excited almost no interest in western media).

- That Nato has been waging a relentless drive to war against

Russia ever since the demise of the USSR, in aid of which it has been steadily advancing hostile military bases all along Russia's borders – despite lying assurances in the last days of the USSR that Nato would not move “one step eastwards”.

- That in order to present Russia as Ukraine's enemy, western secret services have helped their proxies in the country to rewrite Ukraine's history. In the process, they have rehabilitated WW2 Nazi collaborators, banned the Russian language, scapegoated Russian speakers, indoctrinated a generation of children with historical lies and racist ideas, and created a two-tier ethnic apartheid state.

- That the present phase of the war was in fact started by Nato and its Ukrainian proxies when, instead of agreeing to talks with Russia about a new European peace and security framework, they accelerated the shelling of civilians and the build-up of Ukrainian military forces along the border of the Donbass – all in preparation for an armed invasion aimed at ‘taking back’ the liberated antifascist areas in Donetsk and Lugansk.

- That the imperialists have been meddling in the internal affairs of Ukraine for a century and more, always with the ultimate aim of using it as a battering ram against Russia/the USSR, and that various powers have been sponsoring fascists in the country for more than 80 years. Attempts by Ukraine's people to maintain some level of independence or to preserve friendly relations with Russia have led to two west-backed coups in recent decades (2004, 2014).

- That the ceasefire in Donbass that was promised in the Minsk 2 agreement of 2015 was never respected by the USA, Britain or Nato, all of whom continued to arm and embolden Ukraine's fascists. While the Ukrainian side continued to shell resistant civilian areas, it also built huge fortification lines across the Donbass, and its armed forces received extensive training and reorganisation from Nato. This transformed the country into a Nato member in all but name – one that was home to Nato's biggest army.

- That having turned Ukraine into a lawless protectorate, recolonised and immiserated its people, and looted its economy, the USA felt free to use Ukrainian territory for a biological weapons development programme which threatened not only Russia but the whole world.

- That in the year leading up to the launch of Russia's operation, the stooge Zelensky regime made repeated assertions that Ukraine planned to join Nato (whose sole European target is Russia) and announced his intention to develop the country's own nuclear weapons programme (which could only be aimed at Russian cities, just a few minutes' flying time from Ukraine). At the same time, he repeatedly declared his intention of 'retaking' Crimea, which had returned to the Russian Federation by the overwhelming will of its people in a 2014 referendum.

- That far from being a bastion of freedom and democracy, Ukraine is a country where first the communist party and later all opposition parties have been banned, where independent

media has been closed down, where antifascist political activists and journalists have been persecuted and murdered, where Nazi goons run rampant terrorising the people, and where the rule of force has entirely replaced the rule of law. The now notorious Azov battalion and other fascist militia were all armed and trained by imperialist instructors and later incorporated into Ukraine's national guard and regular military structures.

- That taking all the above into consideration, it is clear that while the imperialists are engaged in an unjust and criminal war of aggression by proxy, the Russian side, in its alliance with the peoples of the Donbass, is engaged in a just war of self-defence against imperialist attack, which is at the same time a war of national liberation of the oppressed Russians in Ukraine.

We further believe it to be of prime importance that workers should push back against and expose the lie that they have 'no side' in this war, since it is between 'two imperialist groupings' that are both enemies of the working and oppressed masses. To this end, we wish to make the following points clear:

- That the conflicts that have already or are threatening to break out are not isolated and local affairs, but an integral part of the USA's drive to retain its global hegemony. From Libya and Syria to Ukraine, Taiwan and south Korea, the imperialists have no qualms about sending armaments and cannon fodder from all over the world to fuel their proxy armies, and these efforts must be met by a united anti-imperialist world front.

- That while today's Russia is a capitalist country, it is one whose socialist past has left it with an ability to stand up for itself against imperialist control (a strong military, advanced technological and industrial capabilities, a diverse economy and a well-educated population). Russian finance capital does not loot and dominate the world. Russia has not invaded or been aggressive towards any other country, and Russia's military goes outside its borders only to the assistance of allies (eg Syria, Kazakhstan), at their invitation and on their terms. No country is in either military or debt slavery to Russia. It is therefore incorrect to state that Russia is an imperialist country.

- That China is a large developing country which has become the key linchpin in the anti-imperialist world front owing to its revolutionary foundations. Despite the inroads of the market to its economy, China retains the ability to plan vital aspects of its economic and social life in the long-term interests of its people – to develop its scientific, technological, industrial and military bases, to educate its people, and to offer technological, logistical and infrastructural assistance to many smaller and poorer developing countries around the world.

- That China has started no wars and does not live by looting others' resources or superexploiting their peoples. No nations are in military or debt slavery to China, which outrages the imperialists by offering technology transfer and infrastructure development to help raise other developing countries out of the poverty trap, thus undercutting the imperialists' ability to keep them in economic enslavement. Thus China is not the enemy

of workers around the world but their friend, and it is likewise incorrect to describe it as imperialist.

- That China and Russia are being targeted by the Nato gangsters not as rival imperialists, but because they represent an obstacle to US world hegemony, which the imperialists had told themselves was assured for all time after the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

- That the growing alliance between Russia and China offers hope to the people of the world: hope of an alternative to US domination and imperialist superexploitation. A strong anti-imperialist camp is our peoples' best defence against the aggressive plans of the bloodthirsty Nato alliance – our best defence against the looming threat of nuclear war. The only thing that will stop the USA pushing the nuclear button in its desperation to save its failing system is the fear that its opponents are in a position to hit it back.

- That humanity is faced with the strong possibility that the USA's proxy war in eastern Europe will soon be spread to further theatres in east Asia. Pushed hard by US imperialism, Nato's Indo-Pacific strategy to 'isolate' China via constant unnecessary provocations and the ratcheting up of economic, diplomatic and military tensions is intensifying the prospect that Taiwan and/or south Korea could become a new front in this aggressive war drive at any moment.

- That despite its decades-old commitment to 'one China', US imperialism is aggressively pursuing a policy of the permanent

separation of Taiwan from China via its proxy government in Taiwan. At the same time, the USA is conducting ever more frequent and colossal military ‘exercises’ alongside the puppet south Korean army, which are aimed at rehearsing an invasion and a nuclear strike against the DPRK.

- That these provocations are a most serious and unacceptable threat to the safety and security of the Chinese and Korean peoples – just as the provocation against Russia became too serious to be ignored at the beginning of this year, when the Russian people were faced with the accelerating build-up of Nato forces on their borders, the threat of an invasion of Donbass and even of Russia itself, and the prospect of official Nato membership for the USA’s proxy government in Ukraine.

- That the Taiwan issue for China and the south Korea issue for the DPRK are questions of the territorial integrity and reunification of their temporarily divided nations. As far as the anti-imperialist and socialist world is concerned, these countries have an inalienable right to liberate their colonially occupied and oppressed territories.

- That US imperialism’s formation of the Quad (USA-Japan-Australia-India) cooperation group and the Aukus (Australia-Britain-USA) military alliance in the Pacific, alongside its invitation to Australia, Japan and south Korea to join the recent Nato summit (with a view to the integration of all three into the supposedly ‘north Atlantic’ and ‘defensive’ alliance) reveal clearly the imperialists’ ambitions to provoke war on a global scale.

In light of all the above, we believe it is of vital importance that communists and anti-imperialists make common cause around the world in a broad anti-imperialist front, and that they should explain to workers everywhere that it is not Russia and China that need to be opposed but the imperialist powers, led by Nato, and with the USA the chief amongst them.

As well as educating our people about these truths, communists and anti-imperialists must work hard to bring this orientation into the antiwar movement. We must challenge the misleading and dangerous practice of certain forces calling themselves 'communist' and 'socialist' who have declared the war in Ukraine to be an 'interimperialist' conflict in which both sides are equally aggressive and to blame.

This line is based on a wrong theoretical premise (that every large economy in the capitalist world must automatically be an imperialist one, or even that every capitalist economy has 'elements' of imperialism), which can only bring joy to our enemies by confusing, demoralising and ultimately demobilising those very workers who have the potential to be the most militant and active sections of a really effective anti-imperialist antiwar movement.

The messages we need to take into the antiwar movement are as follows:

- That it is not Russian, Chinese or north Korean aggression which threaten people everywhere with World War 3, but the profit-driven war drive of the criminal Nato alliance – which is in reality little more than a front for the US's armed forces.

- That Russia, China and the DPRK are the targets of

imperialist aggression because they represent a serious threat to the imperialists' world hegemony. Russia and China in particular are able not only to defend themselves against imperialist bullying but also to help small or economically weak developing countries stand up for themselves and break free of imperialist colonisation and debt slavery.

- That antiwar activists must mobilise the masses in their countries for a campaign of active non-cooperation with the imperialist war effort. Workers may be individually powerless, but together they have the power to stop the imperialist war machine in its tracks. Our aim all over the world must be to sabotage Nato's war machinery in every way possible: by refusing to fight in or assist its armies (direct or proxy); by refusing to transport its men and materiel; by refusing to allow its bases to operate unimpeded on our territories; by refusing to manufacture or supply its armaments and other vital equipment; by refusing to broadcast, print or distribute its propaganda lies; by refusing to cooperate with its trade and sanctions wars.

- That the slogans of true anti-imperialists in this time must be: *Defeat for the Nato-led imperialist alliance! Victory to the forces of national-liberation and anti-imperialist resistance! No cooperation with imperialist war!*

- That the accelerating war drive, economic crisis, hunger crisis, environmental crisis and more all make it abundantly clear that the need to remove the imperialist economic system is more urgent than ever.

The rising tide of global war and the tasks of anti-imperialists

(Explanatory notes)

We stand at a moment of grave peril for workers and oppressed peoples everywhere. It is undeniable that if the current proxy war between the US-imperialist-led Nato bloc and its primary targets (Russia and China) turns into open warfare between the world's strongest military powers, this could lead us not only into the biggest and most terrible conflagration ever seen, but also into an all-out nuclear war.

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Despite the failure of both the military and economic aspects of its aggression against Russia, the Nato bloc shows no sign of backing down or changing its approach. On the contrary, the USA's desperation to save its hegemonic position in the world by any means necessary is leading it to look for ways to expand and prolong the war. Despite all the opposing evidence, the US ruling class clearly hopes that it will find some way to wear down its opponents and come out on top.

Thus we face both the possibility of Nato's war spilling over into neighbouring countries in Europe, and of its further spread into countries in Asia. Recent provocations in Taiwan and south Korea, and Nato's ceaseless ratcheting up of tensions with China on every front, only confirm this reckless drive towards more and bigger conflagrations.

On the war in Ukraine

As Nato-organised forces in Ukraine continue to wage their proxy war against Russia, two lines have emerged in the international communist movement.

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- That the war in Ukraine is not the result of ‘Russian aggression’ but of the western imperialist drive to war – in particular, the war drive of the USA, which is aimed at reinforcing the waning hegemony of US imperialism over the world.

- That the war really began when the USA financed, armed and organised a fascist coup in Kiev in 2014. Following that coup, eight years of antifascist war have been waged by the people of the Donbass region, who refused to accept the imposition of the coup government and the new fascistic social order it brought with it (a war in which 14,000 deaths excited almost no interest in western corporate media).

- That Nato has been waging a relentless drive to war ever since its foundation, first against the USSR and then against Russia, with the ultimate aim of breaking the country into pieces and creating in its place a number of weak and dependent states whose governments could be easily controlled and whose natural resources could be looted at will by imperialist corporations.

- That in support of this aim, the US/Nato imperialists have been stirring up strife amongst Russia's own people (eg, Chechnya) and amongst its neighbours and allies (regime-change operations in Georgia, Kazakhstan, etc), and steadily advancing hostile military bases all along Russia's borders – despite lying assurances in the last days of the USSR that Nato would not move “one step eastwards”. The brutal destruction and dismemberment of Yugoslavia must also be understood in this context.

- That in order to present Russia as Ukraine's enemy, western secret services have helped their puppets in the country to rewrite Ukraine's history and impose a new, fascistic social order. In the process, they have rehabilitated WW2 Nazi collaborators (the notorious Bandera-ite fascist murderers), indoctrinated a generation of children with historical anti-Soviet lies and racist ideas, banned the Russian language and scapegoated Russian speakers – and thus created a two-tier ethnic apartheid state.

- That the present phase of the war was in fact started by Nato

and its Ukrainian proxies when, instead of agreeing to talks with Russia about a new European peace and security framework, they accelerated the shelling of civilian areas and the build-up of Ukrainian military forces along the border of the Donbass – all in preparation for an armed invasion aimed at ‘taking back’ the liberated antifascist areas in Donetsk and Lugansk.

- That the imperialists have been meddling in the internal affairs of Ukraine since before WW1, always with the ultimate aim of using it as a battering ram against Russia/the USSR, and that various western powers have been sponsoring fascists in the country since before WW2.

- That attempts by Ukraine’s people to maintain some level of independence or to preserve friendly relations with Russia since the fall of the USSR have led to two western imperialist-organised coups in 21st-century Ukraine (2004, 2014).

- That the ceasefire in Donbass that was promised in the Minsk 2 agreement of 2015 was never respected by the USA, Britain or Nato, all of whom continued to arm and embolden Ukraine’s fascists to create ‘facts on the ground’ that would undermine any chance of its implementation.

- That while the Ukrainian side continued to shell civilians in the liberated towns, it also built huge fortification lines across the Donbass, transforming the entire territory into a well-equipped, and powerful bridgehead, whose only real purpose could be to prepare the country for a full-scale war with Russia.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's armed forces received extensive training and reorganisation from Nato, transforming the country into a Nato member in all but name – one that was home to the biggest Nato army in Europe.

- That having turned Ukraine into a lawless protectorate (much as was done to Libya in 2011), having recolonised and immiserated its people, and having put itself in the position to be able to loot its economy at will, the USA also felt safe to use Ukrainian territory for a secret and extensive biological weapons development programme which threatened not only Russia but the whole world.

- That in the year leading up to the launch of Russia's special military operation, the stooge Zelensky regime made repeated assertions that Ukraine planned to join Nato (whose sole European target is Russia) and announced its intention of develop the country's own nuclear weapons programme (which could only be aimed at Russian cities, just a few minutes' flying time from Ukraine). At the same time, Zelensky repeatedly declared his intention of 'retaking' Crimea, which had returned to the Russian Federation lawfully and by the overwhelming will of its people in a 2014 referendum.

- That far from being a bastion of freedom and democracy, Ukraine is a country where first the communist party and later all opposition parties have been banned, where independent media has been closed down, where antifascist political activists and journalists have been persecuted and murdered, where Nazi

goons run rampant terrorising the people, and where the rule of force has entirely replaced the rule of law.

- That the now notorious Azov battalion and other armed fascist groupings, initially independent of state control, were all armed and trained by imperialist instructors, and were later incorporated into Ukraine's national guard and regular military structures, bringing the poison of racist supremacy and Russophobic hysteria into every part of Ukraine's military and civilian structures.

- That taking all the above into consideration, it is clear that while the imperialists are engaged in an unjust and criminal war of aggression by proxy, the Russian side, in its alliance with the peoples of the Donbass, is engaged in a just war of self-defence against imperialist attack, which is at the same time a war of national liberation of the oppressed Russians in Ukraine.

- That the recent referendums in the south and east of Ukraine, along with the 2014 referendum in Crimea, were carried out according to democratic principles of self-determination, and their results must be universally recognised. The overwhelming majority of the populations of Crimea, Lugansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporozhye have quite rationally chosen to join with or return to Russia in preference to remaining under the jack boot of the US-backed fascist regime in Kiev, and this decision must be respected.

- That whatever further action Russia needs to take in defence

of these newly-liberated regions in particular, and in defence of the whole country's sovereignty and right to live in peace in general, will also deserve the active support of workers and oppressed peoples everywhere.

On imperialism and taking sides

We further believe it to be of prime importance that workers should push back against and expose the lie that they have 'no side' in this war, since it is between 'two imperialist groupings' that are both enemies of the working and oppressed masses. To this end, we wish to make the following points clear:

- That the conflicts that have already or are threatening to break out are not isolated and local affairs, but are an integral part of the USA's drive to retain its global hegemony. From Libya to Congo, from Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine and Yemen to Yugoslavia, Chechnya and Ukraine, from Taiwan and Xinjiang to south Korea, from Colombia to Venezuela, the imperialists have no qualms about sending armaments and cannon fodder from all over the world to fuel the wars that are waged by their mercenaries and proxy armies – and these efforts must be met by a united anti-imperialist world front.

- That while today's Russia is a capitalist country, it is one whose socialist past has left it with an ability to stand up for itself against imperialist control, since it was bequeathed by the USSR a strong military, advanced technological and industrial capabilities, a diverse economy and a well-educated population.

- That the Russian economy is not characterised by the export of capital and the repatriation of superprofits from around the globe – that well-known phenomenon which so obviously distorts the economies of the imperialist nations and facilitates the bribing of large sections (at times, almost all) of their working people. Of the 100 largest banks in the world, only one is Russian and that is the state-owned Rosneft bank (at number 66 in the list).

- That Russia's political and economic life is not dominated by a financial oligarchy whose primary activity is in extending the reach of Russian-based monopolies and Russian-based finance capital across the face of the earth. Russian monopolies exist, but their primary activity is the trade and export of commodities – in particular the export of raw materials – and this trade is carried out in conditions of standard capitalist trade, rather than under the forced inequality imposed by the monopolies.

- That the imperialists, while filling their media with diatribes against 'Russian imperialism' (whose primary aim is to confuse the workers), are themselves quite well aware that Russia is not an imperialist power. Indeed, it was the self-serving delusion that Russia was 'just a gas station with a flag' whose economy was 'the size of Texas' that persuaded the USA and its allies that a short sharp trade war would bring the Russian people to their knees and the Putin government to an ignominious end.

- That while imperialist powers force unequal terms of trade and exploitation onto poor and weak countries by backing up their financial power with the threat or use of military

force, Russia has not invaded or been aggressive towards any other country and instead trades with them on terms of equality. Russia's foreign policy is still characterised by the basic principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries; of forging bonds of friendship, respect and cooperation with other nations. Russia's strong military, which is a legacy of the USSR, was developed with the aim of defending its own people and territory from imperialist domination and control, and this is still its guiding ethos.

- That Russia's military goes outside its borders only to the assistance of its anti-imperialist allies (eg Syria, Venezuela, Kazakhstan), at their invitation and on their terms. No country is in either military or debt slavery to Russia. It is therefore incorrect to state that Russia is an imperialist country.

- That China is a large developing country which has become the key linchpin in the anti-imperialist world front owing to its revolutionary foundations and a strong economy.

- That despite the inroads of the market into its economy, China retains the ability to plan vital aspects of its economic and social life in the long-term interests of its people – to develop its scientific, technological, industrial and military bases, to educate its people, and to offer financial, technological, logistical and infrastructural assistance to many smaller and poorer developing countries around the world.

- That, as with the Russian economy, it can be clearly seen that China cannot possibly be characterised as a country that

lives principally from superprofits acquired through the export of capital. Quite the reverse: China is the country that most imperialists go to in order to exploit its cheaper labour force and repatriate the superprofits thus extracted.

- That while China's rapid growth and development has led to many of her banks appearing at the top of the list of the world's biggest financial institutions, they are overwhelmingly state-owned or state-directed, while those that are not are subject to tight government regulation. Despite the obvious growth of a commercial banking sector that is focused purely on maximising profit for shareholders, their activities are not the dominant ones in China and their owners do not control or set the policy of China's government or military.

- That China's political and economic life is not dominated by a financial oligarchy whose primary activity is in extending the reach of China-based monopolies and China-based finance capital across the face of the earth. Chinese monopolies have certainly grown and proliferated in recent years, but as with the banking sector, many of these are state-owned, while those that are not are subject to tight state regulation.

- That while the objective of state-owned corporations abroad is to extend Chinese trade links and mutually-beneficial cooperation, the private companies of course pursue profit. They are, however, unable at present to dominate China's political system and must subordinate their business activities to the needs of the country as a whole, rather than being free to develop untrammelled economic and military power in the

pursuit of imperialist superprofits. Jail terms given to corporate executives who have been found guilty of bribery, corruption and conspiring against the interests of the Chinese people, are all evidence of the Chinese government's attempts to rein in the worst aspects of the capitalist market and anti-people activities of Chinese monopolies.

- That the ability to put forward the theoretical possibility of Chinese market capitalism developing into Chinese imperialism must not be transformed into an assumption that such a development has in fact taken place. It must be admitted that, so far, China's monopolists have not been able to gain the upper hand, and that their economic power remains subordinate to the people-centred government of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

- That besides, in view of the vast size of the Chinese population, it is patently absurd to assert that the Chinese people as a whole could even theoretically join the populations of the imperialist countries in living off the backs of a dwindling proportion of the global population. Imperialism is by its nature a system in which a small minority is able to live well through the impoverishment of the vast majority of the world's toilers and oppressed.

- That China has no military bases outside of its own territory (except for a small anti-piracy naval base in Djibouti), has started no wars, and does not live by looting others' resources or superexploiting their peoples. Chinese foreign policy is still

characterised by the revolutionary aims set in 1949 of non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations; of forging bonds of friendship, respect and cooperation with other nations; and of developing a strong military with the aim of defending China's people and territory from imperialist domination and control.

- That no nations are in military or debt slavery to China. On the contrary, China outrages the imperialists by offering assistance with technology transfer and infrastructure development which has the potential to help raise other developing countries out of their present poverty trap, thus undercutting the imperialists' ability to keep them in economic enslavement.

- That given the facts above, it must be recognised that China is not the enemy of workers around the world but their friend, and that it is likewise incorrect to describe it as imperialist.

- That China and Russia are being targeted by the Nato gangsters not as rival imperialists, but because simply by existing as strong and independent states, able to defend themselves and others, they represent an obstacle to US world hegemony, which the imperialists had told themselves was assured for all time after the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

- That the growing alliance between Russia and China offers hope to the people of the world: hope of an alternative to US domination and imperialist superexploitation. A strong anti-imperialist camp is our peoples' best defence against the

aggressive plans of the bloodthirsty Nato alliance – our best defence against the looming threat of nuclear war.

- That the only thing that might stop the USA pushing the nuclear button in its desperation to save its failing system is the knowledge that its opponents are in a position to hit it back equally hard.

- That humanity is faced with the strong possibility that the USA's proxy war in eastern Europe will soon be spread to further theatres in east Asia. Pushed hard by US imperialism, Nato's Indo-Pacific strategy to 'isolate' China through constant unnecessary provocations, through trying to stir up disputes with its neighbours, and through the ratcheting up of economic, diplomatic and military tensions is intensifying the prospect that Taiwan and/or south Korea could become a new front in this aggressive war drive at any moment.

- That despite its alleged commitment to the 'one China' policy, US imperialism is aggressively pursuing a policy of the permanent separation of Taiwan from China via its proxy government in Taiwan. At the same time, the USA is conducting ever more frequent and colossal military 'exercises' alongside the puppet south Korean army, which are aimed at rehearsing an invasion and a nuclear strike against the DPRK.

- That these provocations are a most serious and unacceptable threat to the safety and security of the Chinese and Korean peoples – just as the provocation against Russia became too serious to be ignored at the beginning of this year, when the

Russian people were faced with the accelerating build-up of Nato forces on their borders, the threat of an invasion of Donbass and even of Russia itself, and the prospect of official Nato membership for the stooge regime in Kiev.

- That the Taiwan issue for China and the south Korea issue for the DPRK are questions of the territorial integrity and reunification of their temporarily and unjustly divided nations. As far as the anti-imperialist and socialist world is concerned, these countries have an inalienable right to liberate and reunify with their colonially occupied and oppressed territories.

- That US imperialism's formation of the Quad (USA-Japan-Australia-India) cooperation group and the Aukus (Australia-Britain-USA) military alliance in the Pacific, alongside its invitation to Australia, Japan and south Korea to join the recent Nato summit (with a view to the integration of all three into the supposedly 'north Atlantic' and 'defensive' alliance) reveal clearly the imperialists' ambitions to provoke war on a global scale.

- That the ultimate root cause of the desperate war drive of the US-led imperialist bloc is the economic troubles afflicting the world capitalist system, which has been suffering from a deep crisis of overproduction since the construction boom that followed World War 2 came to an end in the 1970s.

- That the monopolists were given a temporary reprieve when the collapse of the USSR and east European socialist republics opened up those territories, people and markets to imperialist

looting, and left the field open for aggressive moves to control and destroy remaining independently-minded states like Yugoslavia, Iraq and Libya. Now that the bonanza reaped from these events has been exhausted, the further impoverishment of the world's masses means that capitalist global markets are once again glutted and the quest for profits is becoming ever more desperate.

- That for the kings of finance capital, only the 'economic demand' supplied by a major armaments drive and the promise of unrestrained looting of the vanquished territories and of more 'economic demand' via rebuilding what their wars have destroyed offer some hopes of 'recovery'.

- That keeping the subjugated countries poor, weak and underdeveloped, in order to be able to more effectively loot their resources, is also a major motivator behind the imperialist war drive.

- That these truths are amply demonstrated by the history of the 20th century, and point inexorably to the conclusion that only the removal of the capitalist-imperialist system of economic production and its replacement by a planned economy can rescue humanity from the downward spiral of crisis and war.

An anti-imperialist antiwar movement

In light of all the above, we believe it is of vital importance that communists and anti-imperialists make common cause around the world in a broad anti-imperialist front, and that they should

explain to workers everywhere that it is not Russia and China that need to be opposed but the imperialist powers, led by Nato, and with the USA the chief amongst them.

As well as educating our people about these truths, communists and anti-imperialists must work hard to bring this orientation into the antiwar movement. We must challenge the misleading and dangerous assertions of certain forces calling themselves ‘communist’ and ‘socialist’ who have declared the war in Ukraine to be an ‘interimperialist’ conflict in which both sides are equally aggressive and to blame.

This line is based on a wrong theoretical premise (that every large economy in the capitalist world must automatically be an imperialist one, or even that every capitalist economy has ‘elements’ of imperialism), which can only bring joy to our enemies by confusing, demoralising and ultimately demobilising those very workers who have the potential to be the most militant and active sections of a really effective anti-imperialist antiwar movement.

The messages we need to take into the antiwar movement are as follows:

- That it is not Russian, Chinese or north Korean aggression which threaten people everywhere with World War 3, but the profit-driven war drive of the criminal Nato alliance – which is in reality little more than a front for the armed wing of US imperialism.
- That Russia, China and the DPRK are the targets of imperialist aggression because they represent a serious threat to the imperialists’ world hegemony. Russia and China in

particular are able not only to defend themselves against imperialist bullying but also to help small or economically weak developing countries stand up for themselves and break free of imperialist colonisation and debt slavery.

- That antiwar activists must mobilise the masses in their countries for a campaign of active non-cooperation with the imperialist war effort.

- That while workers may be individually powerless, together they have the power to stop the imperialist war machine in its tracks. Our aim all over the world must be to sabotage and obstruct Nato's war machinery in every way possible: by refusing to fight in or assist its armies (direct or proxy); by refusing to transport its men and materiel; by refusing to allow its bases to operate unimpeded on our territories; by refusing to manufacture or supply its armaments and other vital equipment; by refusing to broadcast, print or distribute its propaganda lies; by refusing to cooperate with its trade and sanctions wars.

- That the slogans of true anti-imperialists in this time must be: *Defeat for the Nato-led imperialist alliance! Victory to the forces of national-liberation and anti-imperialist resistance! No cooperation with imperialist war!*

- That the accelerating war drive, economic crisis, hunger crisis, environmental crisis and more all make it abundantly clear that the need to remove the capitalist-imperialist economic system is more urgent than ever.

Belgrade Declaration:

The rising tide of global war and the tasks of anti-imperialists

Dec. 17, 2022

Belgrade International Conference in Serbia

We stand at a moment of grave peril for workers and oppressed peoples everywhere, in which the imperialist war drive is pushing us towards a third world war and a nuclear conflagration.

Even as Nato's aggression in Ukraine is failing both militarily and economically, the USA's desperation to save its hegemonic position in the world means it cannot back down, but is instead looking for ways to expand and prolong the war. In the face of all experience, it seems that the imperialists still hope they can find a way to wear down all resistance to their rule and come out on top.

As a result, we face the prospect of the Ukraine war spilling over into neighbouring countries in Europe and central Asia - and also of the outbreak of hostilities in several other theatres further east. Recent US provocations in Taiwan, alongside its ceaseless ratcheting up of tensions with the DPRK and China on every front, make this all too clear.

All over eastern Europe, workers are being fed with historical

falsehoods, with anticommunist and Russophobic lies, and with nationalist poison in order to groom them to participate as the next round of proxy forces if Ukraine's supply should become exhausted.

Here in the former Yugoslavia, people are faced a most blatant example of imperialism's destructive drive for dominance over the region: Nato's occupation of the Serbian province of Kosovo. Ever since the bloody war of destruction against Yugoslavia in 1999, Kosovo has been a hotbed of problems, where crime and drug trafficking flourish, under the total domination of Camp Bondsteel - the largest US military base outside of the USA.

The conflict in Kosovo is being endlessly stoked, creating the potential for eruption at any time. Meanwhile, the puppet authorities of the so-called 'Republic of Kosovo' continue to terrorise the remaining Serbian population in the territory they administer.

At this moment of historic importance, we, the undersigned parties, agree that the following essential points should be made clear to the masses of the world, and should guide our antiwar and anti-imperialist work:

1. That the conflicts that have already or are threatening to break out are not isolated and local affairs, but are integral parts of the USA's drive to retain its global hegemony.

2. That the present war in Ukraine is not the result of 'Russian aggression' but of this western imperialist drive to war - in particular, the war drive of the USA.

3. That the war really began when the USA and its allies

financed, armed and organised a fascist coup in Kiev in 2014, and that the Russian side, in its alliance with the peoples of the Donbass, is engaged in a war of self-defence and national liberation against imperialist attack.

4. That the war drives against China and the DPRK are also a result of imperialist aggression, and that, no matter who fires the first shot, if the threatened conflicts break out in Korea or Taiwan, those wars will likewise be wars of anti-imperialist self-defence and national liberation waged by the Korean and/or Chinese people.

5. That Russia and China's ability to defend themselves and others does not indicate expansionist ambitions or imperialist economics; it is based in decades of planning for self-defence, initiated by the socialist governments of the USSR and the PRC.

6. That there is no economic data to justify characterising China or Russia as imperialist. These are countries that do not live by superexploiting or looting the world. They do not put other countries into military, technological or debt slavery. On the contrary, the beneficial terms of trade and the technological and military assistance they offer are giving smaller developing countries the chance to break out of imperialist enslavement.

7. That Russia and China are the targets of imperialist aggression because both by retaining their own independence, and by assisting other nations to gain theirs, they represent a serious threat to the imperialists' world hegemony.

8. That the growing alliance between Russia and China offers hope to the people of the world: hope of an alternative to US domination and imperialist superexploitation. A strong anti-imperialist camp is our peoples' best defence against the aggressive plans of the bloodthirsty Nato alliance - our best defence against the looming threat of nuclear war.

9. That antiwar activists must mobilise the masses in their countries for a campaign of active non-cooperation with the imperialist war effort aimed at sabotaging Nato's war machinery in every way possible. We must refuse to fight in or assist Nato's armies (direct or proxy). We must refuse to transport Nato's men and materiel. We must refuse to allow Nato's bases to operate unimpeded on our territories. We must refuse to manufacture or supply Nato's armaments and other vital equipment. We must refuse to broadcast, print or distribute imperialist propaganda lies; and refuse to cooperate with imperialist trade and sanctions wars.

10. That the accelerating war drive, economic crisis, hunger crisis, environmental crisis and more all make it abundantly clear that the need to remove the imperialist economic system is more urgent than ever.

11. That the slogans of true anti-imperialists in this time must be:

Defeat for the Nato-led imperialist alliance! Victory to the resistance! No cooperation with imperialist war!

Belgrade Joint Statement

Dec. 17, 2022

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Belgrade

It must be clear for anyone with eyes to see that the Nato imperialist bloc is losing its proxy war in Ukraine. Yet, rather than admitting defeat, it is doing everything possible to prolong and extend the war. Clearly, it hopes to find a way to wear down its opponent – if only the conflict can be stretched out for long enough, and if only enough men and material can be found to hurl into the inferno.

Unable to accept a world in which their ability to dominate is shrinking, the imperialists will be satisfied with nothing less than the complete destruction of Russia as an independent state, its dismemberment into hostile and controllable parts, the subjugation and superexploitation of its people, and the free looting of its resources by imperialist corporations.

For decades now, the USA and its allies have been grooming peoples across eastern Europe to be ready to serve as their willing foot soldiers in this mission. Just as in Ukraine, workers from every former socialist state have been fed an unremitting diet of pro-imperialist Russophobia and anticommunism.

At the same time, they have been divided by ultranationalist poison and persuaded to blame this or that group of workers for the impoverishment that followed the fall of socialism in the USSR and eastern Europe, the restitution of unbridled gangster capitalism, and the reimposition of economic recolonisation by the west.

In Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Romania, Moldova, Yugoslavia and elsewhere the same tactics have been employed as have served imperialism so well in Ukraine – and which have been the ruin of the Ukrainian people. Laws have been passed declaring communism a crime and rehabilitating the fascists and collaborators of World War 2 as ‘national heroes’ and ‘defenders of the people’. From kindergartens to universities, from museums to public memorials, history has been falsified, fratricidal nationalism has taken the place of socialist fraternity, and every means possible used to confuse and divide the working class.

With opposition to this anti-worker agenda ruthlessly crushed, a significant proportion of workers in eastern Europe have been fooled into believing that serving as cannon fodder in the imperialists’ proxy war against Russia is somehow in their interest. They are preparing themselves to die, and their countries to be destroyed, not in the cause of their own freedom, but in order to defend the waning hegemony of US imperialism.

Here in the former Yugoslavia, people are faced with a most blatant example of imperialism’s destructive drive for dominance over the region: Nato’s occupation of the Serbian province of Kosovo. Ever since the bloody war of destruction against independent Yugoslavia in 1999, Kosovo has been a

hotbed of violence, where crime and drug trafficking flourish, under the military domination of Camp Bondsteel – the USA’s largest military base outside its own territory.

The conflict in Kosovo is being endlessly stoked, creating the potential for its eruption at any time. Meanwhile, the puppet authorities of the so-called ‘Republic of Kosovo’ (a Serbian province broken by force from Yugoslavia) continue to terrorise the remaining Serbian population in the territory they control, creating an ethnic apartheid regime much like the one against which the people of the Ukrainian Donbass rose up in revolt.

Just as in Europe, so in Asia the tide of war is rising as the USA and its allies try to inflict the same fate on China as they want for Russia. Meanwhile, their attempts to keep down the rising people and to retain control of the world’s resources is causing them to interfere in country after country across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Truly, as their economic crisis deepens, the imperialists’ desperate quest to save their system by any means necessary threatens to engulf the whole world in flames.

Here in Belgrade, as elsewhere, we declare that the workers have no interest in serving this cause. Our task is to join together with all those who oppose the imperialists and work with them for the defeat of the Nato alliance, and for an end to this bloodthirsty and rapacious system, which offers nothing but poverty and war to the masses of the world.

Defeat to the Nato-led imperialist alliance!

No cooperation with imperialist war!

Victory to the resistance!

Caracas Declaration:

Latin America has a vital role to play in the world anti-imperialist struggle

Mar. 4, 2023

Caracas International Conference in Venezuela

From the city of Caracas, birthplace of the great liberator Simón Bolívar, the father of Latin-American unity and forerunner of the modern anti-imperialist movement in Nuestra America, we are gathered today to continue the line of political struggle that was laid down by the international conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform in Belgrade, Serbia, last December. At that time, revolutionary and social organisations with a clear anti-imperialist, antifascist and anti-colonial orientation came together to denounce the aggression of the United States and of its Nato military front, whose belligerence on every continent threatens the peoples of the world.

It is clear for all to see that the global market economy is in deep crisis. This crisis of global capitalism is accelerating the decline of the USA, which rose to the top of the imperialist world after the powers of old Europe had been weakened by two world wars, claiming for itself the title of 'saviour of the modern [capitalist] world'. Although the imperialists received a vital boost to their failing economies after the collapse of the USSR

in 1991, their economic system is once again in crisis, and their hegemony is failing, as ever more countries break free of their economic and political control.

In their desperation to save their economic system and their international dominance, the US is engaged in ruthless hybrid wars against any and every country that tries to break out of or remain free of its control. From waging relentless trade and sanctions wars whose aim is to crush the growth of emerging economies, to supporting separatist movements that aim to undermine sovereignty and destabilise territories, to creating and financing domestic opposition movements and manipulating the mass media, every avenue is pursued in order to try to effect so-called 'regime change' in any country that has friendly relations with the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation or some other nation that has chosen the path of sovereignty and independence.

It is in this light that we understand Nato's provocation of a proxy war against Russia on the territory of Ukraine, which threatens at any moment to spill out into a wider regional conflict, and into a direct confrontation between the armed forces of Nato and the peoples of the world. For we should be in no doubt that Nato's aggression is aimed not only at Russia but at any and every state or movement that tries to pursue a policy of independence or sovereign development.

Besides Russia, many other countries continue to be subjected to US threats and aggression. In east Asia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has lived for decades under the shadow of war, while provocations and aggressions against the People's Republic of China are now escalating at an alarming

rate. The people of the middle east have suffered an endless string of aggressive and barbaric wars in recent decades, notably in Iraq, Libya and Syria, besides the constant provocations against the Islamic Republic of Iran since its founding, and the almost daily massacres of the Palestinian people since 1948.

Meanwhile, the plundering of the African continent has been accompanied by the fomenting of endless 'resource wars' by the imperialists, whose massacres of the people of Congo in the pursuit of cheap coltan and denial of the existence of the Saharawi republic are just two of innumerable examples of the barbarous atrocities and persistent subversions of the will of the African people.

As in the middle east and Africa, so in Latin America and the Caribbean, the imperialists have striven to keep the people poor precisely because their lands are so rich. In this continent, considered by the USA to be its 'back yard', two centuries of US imperialist exploitation has resulted in some of the most glaring inequalities on the planet. The great resources of these lands have not been allowed to fund the development and prosperity of the peoples, but have been plundered to boost the profit margins of US corporate looters.

In order to maintain this flow of loot, the imperialists interfere everywhere to break the unity and integration of the peoples, doing everything they can to keep them divided and weak. To this end we have seen: military interventions, as in Panama, Chile and Grenada; an endless succession of coups d'état, as in Honduras, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Guatemala and Brazil: inhuman regimes of suffocating economic sanctions, as imposed on Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua; and the usurpation

of key territories, such as the Malvinas islands of Argentina, Venezuela's Esequibo region, and Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, from which the imperialists reinforce their military dominance over the region. Everywhere we look in the world we are presented with proofs that the imperialists cannot be trusted. From the Minsk accords and the Iran nuclear deal to the one-China policy and the Korean war armistice, no treaty signed by the imperialists is worth the paper on which it is written.

Wherever they can, they engage in barely-concealed acts of sabotage to try to destroy whatever stands in their way, whether that be the bridge linking Crimea to mainland Russia, the pipelines bringing gas from Russia to Germany, Venezuela's oil refineries and power grid, or Cuba's pig farms.

It is painfully clear that the imperialists don't care how many people are hurt in the relentless pursuit of their goals. How many millions of Russians and Chinese died to save the world from imperialist-serving fascism in WW2? How many millions will die as a result of the spiralling costs of fuel and food that are now tormenting every poor person on the planet? How many Ukrainians are presently being sacrificed on the Donbass front lines? How many Palestinians are daily done to death as the blockade and bombing of Gaza continues? How many Congolese have died to secure the free flow of cheap coltan for PlayStations and iPhones? All this, like the starving children of Iraq and Yemen, is considered to be a price 'worth paying' in defence of monopoly superprofits.

Today we are faced with a clear choice between the continuation of imperialist domination, as outlined in the Monroe doctrine, and the liberating current of anti-imperialist Bolivarianism,

which was reborn with the coming to power of Hugo Chávez, anti-imperialist leader of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

In light of the economic, political, social and environmental crises that have been created by the imperialist exploitation of our planet, the peoples of the world now face many challenges. The World Anti-imperialist Platform supports every initiative that seeks genuinely to work for the unity of the progressive political forces in the world. Together, we have the power to stand up to the US-led imperialist bloc and to overturn the colonial system that brings instability, poverty and the violation of human rights to the masses via political oppression, economic looting and military coercion.

We invite all those social movements, parties and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean who fight for the wellbeing of their people to join us in our efforts to unite the peoples of the world, strengthening our collective ability to confront the US imperialist bloc and its Nato military front. Our unity is our path to guaranteeing the peace and prosperity of our peoples!

It was with this aim that we brought the World Anti-Imperialist Platform into being in October 2022, when the first signatures were put to the Paris Declaration.

In Latin America, we ask our comrades to raise awareness of the following:

- That across the world, the poor and oppressed peoples and workers face the same enemy: the US-led imperialist bloc, whether represented by the European Union, Nato, the OAS, the Five Eyes, Aukus, the IMF, the World Bank, or some other front for US imperial interests.

- That Russia and China are not aggressive imperialist powers but, on the contrary, are targeted by our enemies because they stand in the way of the USA's complete global domination.

- That if we want to understand why so many countries striving to develop independent economies and to break free of imperialist servitude are turning to Russia and China for help, we need only contrast the pandemic support that came to Latin America from China with the economic piracy and political blackmail which accompanied ruinous US corporate 'help'.

- That in order to secure for ourselves a decent future free from poverty and imperialist domination, we need maximum unity of all liberation and anti-imperialist forces - in each country, across each continent, and around the world.

- That the war which has broken out in eastern Europe and the wars which are imminent in east Asia are not regional or isolated events, but two fronts in a global war being waged by the imperialists for their continued domination, and that the aggressive economic, political and military moves of US imperialism in Latin America are a part of this same struggle.

- That for our people to be free, every US and Nato base, military installation, biolab and spy facility must be dismantled. Every imperialist soldier must be sent back to his home country. Let these 'defenders of democracy' look to their own houses!

- That wherever Nato's armies are reckless enough to start a war, they must be defeated on the battlefield and behind the lines. Workers must refuse to fight in the USA's armies and proxy forces. We must refuse to move their men and machinery. We must boycott and disrupt every aspect of the aggressive and criminal war machine.

- That we must refuse to write, print or broadcast the US and Nato's war propaganda. We must expose the imperialists' lies in our own media and show the people that they have a side in this war; that it is urgent and in the interests of all of suffering humanity that the imperialists should be defeated, and that we must fight together with all those who are prepared to work for this aim.

- That the peoples of the world have every reason to welcome the development of a new financial architecture that enables them to escape the sanctions and blackmail of the imperialist financiers - and that this new architecture needs to guarantee the freedom and equality of nations, allowing each country to follow a sovereign and independent economic agenda without outside interference.

- That Latin America and the Caribbean form a multinational territory whose future independence and prosperity lies in its integration and sovereign development. While the borders drawn between our peoples by the colonial masters serve no one but the imperialists, there is no doubt that if the peoples of this region work together, they will have everything they need to

solve their problems and allow every citizen to live with dignity and prosperity!

- That the working masses everywhere must stand in solidarity with the people of Venezuela, who are on the front line of our common struggle, resisting the criminal blockade perpetrated by the US imperialists and their allies, who are doing everything in their power to prevent us from living a free and sovereign life in peace and prosperity.

Peoples of the world: unite against imperialism!

Defeat for the US-led neo-nazi Nato warmongers; victory to the resistance!

Yankees go home!

Caracas Joint Statement:

One enemy, one fight!

Mar. 5, 2023

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Caracas

Standing here in Caracas, at the heart of the Bolivarian Revolution and of the struggle to unify and liberate Our America, we feel the weight of two centuries of the Monroe Doctrine, through which the USA appointed itself the sole colonial master of this continent, gradually pushing to the margins first Spanish and Portuguese colonists and later British financiers.

Whether oppressed via direct rule, as in Panama, via proxy, as in Pinochet's Chile, or via economic stranglehold, as in debt-laden Argentina, the people of Latin America and the Caribbean have known none of the peace or prosperity their anticolonial forefathers fought for.

People here can well understand the desperate humiliation of the workers who once lived in the proud and independent Soviet Socialist Republic of Ukraine, but who lost their last shred of sovereignty in 2014 after a second US-backed coup removed their elected government and placed a fascist junta in power.

The story of a US-controlled puppet government whose role

is to oil the wheels for corporate looting of the economy, close down all opposition parties and media, and oversee the training of a fascistic proxy army (to be aimed at independent-minded locals and neighbours alike) is not a new one to all those on this continent, who have everywhere struggled to throw off Uncle Sam's suffocating embrace, from Guatemala and Colombia to Chile and Peru.

But this story of oppression is also a story of resistance. Through two long centuries, the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean have fought back and continue to do so.

Sometimes they have resisted through armed struggle, as in the Haitian independence war, the Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions, or the people's wars in Guatemala, Peru and Colombia. Sometimes, they have carried out mass uprisings in the streets, as we saw only recently in Bolivia. And at other times, in different conditions, they have brought their revolutionary leaders into office via the ballot box, as when they elected Comandante Hugo Chávez in Venezuela or Comandante Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua.

A thousand times over, the people here have proved the truth of the words of the great US freedom fighter Paul Robeson, when he said that "the people's will for liberation is stronger than atom bombs".

Or as the Cuban people, coming together in 1960 after the victory of their revolution, wrote in the Havana declaration: "This assembly condemns the imperialist monopolies and enterprises which continually plunder our wealth, exploit our workers and peasants, bleed our economies to keep them in a backward state, and subordinate Latin-American politics to their designs and

interests.”

Assassinations and coups, from Ukraine to Colombia and all across the western hemisphere prove decisively the words of Comrade Lenin, when he proved that imperialism seeks domination not democracy.

Everywhere we look in the world we are presented with proofs that the anti-imperialist governments of Russia, China, the DPRK and Iran are right to brand the US imperialists as ‘agreement incapable’. From their broken promises to the indigenous peoples of their own territory or the broken treaty of New Granada, from the nineteenth century til today, the USA has never kept the terms of a treaty it felt powerful enough to ignore.

Since imperialism cares nothing for human suffering and has no interest in the logic or reasoning of human beings, since the only language it understands is the language of force, there is only one route open to the masses of the world who seek relief and liberation: to stand together and create a force too strong to be ignored or overthrown.

As many revolutionary fighters have found out: the imperialists are not as strong as they seem, if only we know how to stand up against them.

That is why the revolutionary and progressive governments of this region have worked so hard to create a network of regional institutions such as Alba and Celac, which can bring together the oppressed nations of Latin America and enable them to cooperate respectfully with one another, to stand together against US economic and military coercion, to stand up for the rights and dignity of their peoples.

Not for nothing did Comrade Fidel Castro greet the founding

of Alba with these words: “Who should be the proponents of this idea? Venezuelans, because Venezuelans launched it on the American continent, because Bolívar is Venezuela’s son and Bolívar is the father of the idea, of the union of America’s peoples.”

Understanding the need for the maximum possible unity against imperialism was what motivated Brazil to join in the formation of the Brics alliance, which now stands at the centre of a new world order that is struggling to be born, and which the Yankee gangsters are so desperate to strangle in its crib.

That is also why some progressive governments of this region have begun to engage in military cooperation with independent Russia. And it is why so many have welcomed the infrastructural, technological and development cooperation offered by people’s China, especially via the western section of the Belt and Road network.

Understanding the truth of the words spoken by another American freedom fighter, Malcolm X, who pointed out that, if we let them, “the newspapers will have us hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing”, progressive governments across the region have funded anti-imperialist media like Venezuela’s Telesur and Cuba’s Granma, which work to expose the propaganda lies of the US monopoly-controlled media and their local stooges – propaganda that aims to keep our people confused, distracted, divided and weak.

In the words of Comrade Fidel: “What is the fate of the balkanised countries of our America if they don’t join together, if they don’t integrate?”

Let us also remember the words of another great son of the

Americas, Comrade Che Guevara, who looked at the US defeat in Vietnam and saw what it meant for the whole of the oppressed world, saying: “What a luminous future would be visible to us if two, three, or many Vietnams flourished throughout the world with their repeated blows against imperialism obliging it to disperse its forces under the attack!”

Comrades, the outbreak of war in Ukraine has drawn a line across the globe and clarified the question of who stands with whom for all who care to see it. It is time for all those who seek freedom to let the people know that we have a side in this war, which the imperialists are waging to save their position as the masters of our suffering world and to keep the rest of us as slaves.

Just as the imperialists are huddling together in the face of their economic crisis, trying to save their position and their system, so the oppressed and exploited masses of the world must join together and find strength in unity, and victory through resistance.

Let the imperialists tremble at the prospect of the world’s peoples, united and risen. Let us do everything in our power to defeat this enemy of humanity once and for all. And let us remember, as we come together, the bright future that awaits us on the other side of victory, and the words of Karl Marx that we indeed have “nothing to lose but our chains” and “a world to win”.

No cooperation with imperialist war!

Defeat to the Nato-led imperialist alliance!

Victory to the resistance!

Yankees go home!

Seoul Declaration:

The rising tide of global war in east Asia

May 15, 2023

Seoul International Conference in the “Republic of Korea”

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.

Gwangju Joint Statement:

Nato's war drive threatens Korea, Taiwan and all of east Asia

May 13, 2023

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Gwangju

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!

Palestine Declaration:

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!

Nov. 18, 2023

Athens International Conference in Greece

Understanding:

- That the partition of Palestine by the United Nations in 1948, which was pushed through the United Nations according to a plan set out by British imperialism and without any consultation with the local population, is a historic injustice that must be recognised and whose consequences must be addressed if a meaningful peace is to be achieved in the middle east.

- That zionism, the official ‘justification’ for the creation of the state of Israel, is a pernicious ideology, whose growth and development was fostered by British and later US imperialism, which works to confuse jewish people into thinking of themselves not as part of a religious group but (incorrectly) as a ‘nation’ – and one whose members, alone amongst the people of the earth, will never be able to live in peace in any place outside of a separate ‘jewish homeland’.

- That the zionist leaders of Israel have consistently made clear by their words and actions that they have never had any intention of settling for less than total control of the entire territory of historic Palestine and more (the Golan in Syria, southern Lebanon, etc).

- That zionism, by holding that the jews are God's 'chosen people' is a racist, supremacist ideology that justifies every kind of barbarity against the Palestinian people on the basis that they are not full human beings 'like us'. And we note that in this context that many religious jews are opposed to zionism and to the occupation of Palestine.

- That the horrific tragedy of the rise of zionism amongst jewish people in Europe was the transformation of those who had been the victims of fascist persecution in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s into the perpetrators of an equally fascistic and genocidal enterprise in the postwar middle east.

- That with its pass laws, ghettos, segregated infrastructure, checkpoints and prison complexes, its conversion of the small areas of land that remain 'free' for Palestinians to occupy into concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire and policed by tanks and fighter planes, and with its daily routine of violence and humiliation practiced against the native inhabitants, zionism is the inheritor and continuer of such barbaric and inhuman regimes as Nazi Germany, settler-colonial British Kenya and apartheid South Africa.

- That Zionist Israel has been enabled to commit its terrible crimes unhindered because of the special function it performs for Anglo-American imperialism – that is, it acts as an armed outpost of imperialism whose fundamental role is not to ‘protect the Jewish people’ but to keep control of middle-eastern oil for British and US oil monopolies.

- That Israel’s vital importance to modern imperialism stems from the central importance of oil to the modern economy – since oil remains the most important source of energy not only for industry but also for the imperialist war machine.

- That this importance is reflected in the insistence of the imperialist ruling classes that every career politician in Britain, the European Union and the USA must demonstrate their total loyalty towards Zionism, which is simply another way of expressing total loyalty to British and US imperialist interests.

- That this importance is also the real reason why Israel is consistently granted immunity for its repeated crimes by the imperialist-dominated ‘international community’, and why imperialist media work so hard to drop and deny all the above context, instead presenting an apparently ‘unsolvable’ narrative of ‘two sides at war’, all the while emphasising unforgivable nature of any violence by the resistance while bending over backwards to justify the far more extreme violence of the oppressors.

- That scores of UN resolutions over seven decades at the UN

general assembly have asserted the international community's desire to find a just solution to the Palestinian question, have objected to the numerous crimes (including apartheid and ethnic cleansing) of the zionists and have even explicitly underlined the right of the Palestinians to resist by whatever means necessary, including by force of arms.

- That the USA's control of the UN security council has essentially neutered all options for seeking a meaningful resolution via that body.

- That the genocidal nature of the zionist state has been made clearer than ever by its recent response to the Al-Aqsa Flood battle launched by resistance forces. This response has included:

1. The indiscriminate massacre of more than ten thousand civilians, half of them children, including refugee columns and those taking refuge in hospitals, schools and UN facilities;

2. Open calls by Israeli leaders to "wipe Gaza off the map" and attempts to implement a plan to transfer all of Gaza's 2.3 million people into the Egyptian desert;

3. Fake atrocity propaganda claiming that the resistance has "beheaded babies" and "massacred civilians", all of which have been debunked, but which continue to be referenced by Israeli and imperialist politicians and media;

4. Israeli army killings of Israeli civilians in order to promote the narrative of resistance 'barbarism' and to avoid the chance of them being taken prisoner to Gaza.

We the undersigned parties and organisations declare:

- That the struggle of the Palestinian people against the imperialist-backed settler-colonial state of Israel, with its illegal occupations, its apartheid system, its supremacist Zionist ideology and its stated policy of genocide, remains at the forefront of the world struggle against imperialism.

- That the Palestinian people made huge sacrifices in the quest for peace when they signed up to the Oslo accords in 1993, giving up 78 percent of their historic homeland in return for the promise of a viable Palestinian state on the 22 percent that remained.

- That, just as the imperialist-backed Ukrainian junta repeatedly undermined the possibilities for a peaceful settlement of the war in Donbass (first by deliberately undermining the Minsk accords and then by tearing up the peace deal they had agreed to in Istanbul), it is imperialist-abetted Israeli intransigence and double-dealing that has essentially undermined all possibility of implementing the two-state solution plan that was agreed upon at Oslo.

- That given the total failure to hold Israel to account for its flagrant violations of the terms of Oslo and the repeated statements of its leaders that they have no intention of being bound by those terms, no one has any right to expect the Palestinians to continue to be bound by the terms of Oslo either.

- That the Palestinian people have both the moral and legal right, recognised in international law, to struggle for their freedom by any means necessary, including by the use of armed

force.

- That we will accept no correlation between the force used by a brutal regime of occupation and the force used by those struggling for their liberation: the Zionists are waging a fascistic, genocidal, unjust war of conquest and national oppression on behalf of US imperialism, while the Palestinians are fighting a just war for national liberation and self-defence.

- That given these facts, all progressive, anti-imperialist and socialist forces have a duty to side firmly and unconditionally with the Palestinian people and to do everything in their power to provide them with material solidarity.

- That we in the Platform note the growing desire of the masses to show material support to the brave struggle of the Palestinian people. We commit ourselves to promoting every existing example of concrete solidarity and expanding this campaign to every corner of the globe, helping workers to understand that this is the only way we can assist our Palestinian brothers and sisters on the front line to victory:

1. We call on manufacturing workers not to make munitions or other supplies that are intended for use by Israel;

2. We call on transport workers not to move munitions, troops or any other supplies that are bound for Israel;

3. We call on all dock workers to block the shipment of arms and other supplies to Israel;

4. We call on all journalists to refuse to write or broadcast information that justifies or whitewashes the Zionists' crimes or reinforces their fake narratives, remembering that journalism

which justifies aggressive war crimes was classified at the Nuremberg tribunals as a war crime in itself;

5. We call on all media and communications technicians to refuse to print or broadcast such lies;

6. We call on all supermarket workers to refuse to put Israeli products or Zionist-promoting newspapers and magazines on the shelves of their stores;

7. We call on all workers to force their governments to break diplomatic ties with Israel – there must be no normalisation of genocide;

8. And we call on workers everywhere to apply the same non-cooperation stance to every part of the NATO imperialist war machine, which backs and is coming to the aid of its proxies in the middle east.

• That, along with all progressive humanity, we demand:

1. An end to western imperialist military, financial, diplomatic and media support for Israel;

2. An immediate end to Israel's genocidal bombing of and armed incursions into Gaza, including the Zionists' use of internationally banned white phosphorous and other undeclared chemical and uranium-tipped weapons;

3. The immediate opening of the borders for free passage of Palestinians into and out of their homeland;

4. The release of all political prisoners and internees from Israeli jails;

5. The end of the occupation of 1967 Palestine, including the withdrawal of Israeli military forces, the tearing down of separation walls and military checkpoints, the dismantlement of illegal settlements and the abolition of segregated infrastructure

across Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip;

6. Freedom for the Palestinian people across all of 1948 Palestine to choose their own representatives to represent them in talks towards a meaningful peace settlement;

7. All US troops and bases out of the middle east.

- That a just peace in Palestine will only be achieved when the Palestinian people are free to decide their own future, a future in which we are sure the following conditions will need to have been met:

1. An end to the existence of any racist, supremacist ethnostate on Palestinian territory, which means the dismantlement of every legal and physical structure of apartheid discrimination;

2. The establishment of secular, democratic rule across all of Palestine, allowing all to live on terms of equality and fraternity, no matter what their ethnic or religious background;

3. The guarantee and implementation of the universally-recognised right to return of all the Palestinian refugees who have been forcibly evicted from their land and their homes since 1948;

4. An end to imperialist interference in the affairs of all countries of the middle east.

*No cooperation with the criminal zionist war machine!
Death to imperialism and its fascist zionist stooge regime in the middle east!*

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!

Savra savra hatta nasr! (Revolution until victory!)

Athens Declaration:

The world is entering a new era of anti-imperialist struggle

Nov. 18, 2023

Athens International Conference in Greece

Understanding:

- That we are emerging from the period of deep reaction that followed the capitalist restoration in the Soviet Union and east European socialist bloc, when the strength of the capitalist-imperialist system seemed overwhelming and the forces of national liberation and socialism were in retreat.

- That as a result of this shift in the balance of forces, the remaining socialist and anti-imperialist countries and movements became isolated and exposed and were forced to make difficult compromises in order to survive (developing the tourism industry in Cuba, signing the nuclear agreement in the DPRK, agreeing to nuclear disarmament in Libya and Iraq, accepting the US-brokered peace processes in Palestine, Ireland etc).

- That the era of the stabilisation of global capitalism, during

which the imperialist powers escaped their economic crisis and grew rich through the unbridled looting of the wealth and resources of the Soviet and east European peoples, has come to an end. The latest downward lurch of the global economic crisis of capitalism is being felt in the economic and social life of every country that is connected to the global market economy.

- That global economic crisis cannot be avoided while the capitalist-imperialist system remains; while a few monopolists dominate the entire world economy and create chaos and instability in their desperate quest for maximum profits.

- That the main threat to world peace is imperialism, in particular the criminal, aggressive US-led Nato imperialist bloc, and that we have entered a new historical phase: one in which the final defeat of imperialism has become both a real possibility and a vital necessity.

- That communists, socialists and anti-imperialists everywhere have a duty to join hands and do everything possible to maximise the power of the anti-imperialist camp in the titanic struggle that now confronts humanity.

- That recent uprisings in west Africa and the middle east remind us once again of the unfinished struggle for national liberation, launched in earnest by the Great October Socialist Revolution of 1917 and carried on in every corner of the oppressed world, which can never be quenched so long as imperialism remains in the world.

- That the rewriting of history to whitewash Nazi crimes, combined with the continuing provocations by the USA/ Nato and its proxies in so many countries bordering Russia and China, as well as in Serbia, Korea, Taiwan and the middle east, make it absolutely clear that the imperialists will use any means to achieve their ends, and would rather drown the world in blood than leave the world's people to advance peacefully towards liberation and socialism.

- That the lighting up of landmarks and hoisting of Israeli flags in Washington, London, Berlin, Paris and Brussels serve as the latest reminder of the unconditional support of finance capital for its proxies in the Israeli terrorist state, and its routine export of fascism to maintain its domination around the world.

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

- That the history of the last century proves conclusively that the imperialists can never be appeased. All attempts at 'peaceful coexistence', ignoring the realities of the class struggle, have led only to the emboldening of and further aggression by the imperialist powers, and of the dominant US imperialist cabal in particular.

- That to break the power of finance capital - to do everything possible towards cutting off its access to the huge superprofits that are extracted at the expense of the oppressed masses in the colonised world, who are thus held back from development and

denied a chance to live in dignity and prosperity - is the first duty of communists, socialists and anti-imperialists everywhere.

- That whether by the nationalisation of essential raw materials such as oil, uranium and lithium, by building alliances to counter imperialist economic sanctions or by evicting imperialist troops and their fascist proxies from their territories, every movement that strives for political, military and economic independence and territorial sovereignty in the oppressed countries is blocking the imperialists' drive for domination and holding back the ability of monopoly capital to loot freely.

- That there is thus an absolute necessity to bring together the struggle for socialism with the anti-imperialist and antifascist struggles, and to unite all those who are struggling separately into one unstoppable force. In particular, we must demonstrate to the workers in our own countries the essential unity of those fighting for their liberation in Donbass, in Palestine, in Burkina Faso and in Niger. We must demonstrate that the wars being planned by the imperialists against the DPRK and China are a part of this same quest for domination, and we must maximise support for the forces of liberation.

- That this means doing everything possible to increase the economic, military and logistical difficulties for the imperialists and to strengthen the solidarity and support for those who are fighting on the front lines.

- That during this titanic struggle, those who play the decisive

role will not be those who claim to have exclusively ‘inherited’ the right to be viewed as the ‘vanguard’ of the struggle, but those who actually play the part of a vanguard. Those who wish to play this role must be unafraid to oppose all vacillation and conciliation with the enemy; must be ready to expose all those who confuse the masses and prevent them from understanding that there are two sides in this war, and that to refuse to take a side means, in practice, to strengthen the side of reaction - to help the imperialists and to neutralise the working and oppressed masses.

- That, just as before in the case of Russia and the Donbass, when the special military operation was launched to denazify and demilitarise the fascistic proxy regime that had been imposed on the Ukrainian people by the USA and Nato, so today we refuse to be intimidated by the barrage of hysterical bourgeois propaganda that is demanding our condemnation of the actions of the Palestinian resistance, although these same imperialist media and politicians have been silent during the 75 years of slow genocide, with all its attendant atrocities, that gave rise to this latest outbreak of war in the middle east.

- That we will do everything in our power to bring the missing context regarding the national-liberation struggle in Palestine to the attention of workers in our countries, just as we have been doing regarding the liberation struggle of the people of Donbass and the ongoing aggression against the Russian Federation, and as we will surely do in the case of any future war between the imperialists and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea or

the People's Republic of China.

- That, while preferring peace for the sake of human life, we recognise that the only way out of the ongoing holocaust being perpetrated by the imperialist system is through liberation wars. While the US congress declares that the USA can fight successfully on many battlefields and should prepare to launch a war against China, the truth is that the imperialists are losing their proxy war against Russia in Ukraine and will surely be defeated if they dare to launch wars in several major theatres at once.

- That, refusing to take a pessimistic view of the global situation, we instead look with optimism at the prospects for our movement and for humanity, recalling the words of Che Guevara in his message to the Tricontinental conference of 1967: “How close we could look into a bright future should two, three or many Vietnams flourish throughout the world, with their share of deaths and their immense tragedies, their everyday heroism and their repeated blows against imperialism, impelled to disperse its forces under the sudden attack and the increasing hatred of all peoples of the world!”

- That, meeting today in Athens, we uphold the spirit and legacy of resistance leaders such as Aris Velouchiotis, and most especially of Nikos Zachariadis, great son and leader of the Greek revolution. It was Comrade Zachariadis above all who guided his people on the basis of socialist science and who never lost faith in the strength and ability of the working class,

affirming that whatever the difficulties and defeats along the way, history is made by the masses. There is no doubt in our minds that the imperialists will ultimately be defeated, opening up once more the possibility for human progress and civilisation to advance.

- That we commit ourselves to advancing towards the final victory of socialism by following in the footsteps of those heroic communists who stood steadfastly at the forefront of Greece's national-liberation struggle in the 1940s. These comrades showed how it is both possible and necessary to combine the anti-imperialist and antifascist with the socialist struggle in order to harness the widest possible forces for the immediate stage of the revolution, even while growing the communist forces and creating the best possible foundation for their further advance.

- That the building of the broadest possible anti-imperialist movement, willing and able to sharply confront, oppose, obstruct and defeat the hegemonic drive of the US-led Nato bloc, is the main task of progressive humanity today.

No cooperation with the imperialist war machine and its fascist proxies!

Defeat for the criminal US-led Nato imperialist bloc!

Victory to the united forces of anti-imperialist resistance!

Athens Joint Statement:

A seismic shift is taking place in the global balance of class forces. Anti-imperialists everywhere must play their part

Nov. 17, 2023

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Athens

It cannot have escaped the attention of those gathered here today that a seismic shift is taking place in the global balance of class forces.

Particularly significant events have transpired in the last year and a half—events that were triggered by the deepening of the global capitalist crisis and by the accelerating drive to war and domination that is the imperialists' response to this crisis.

The launch of Russia's special military operation on 24 February 2022 was the first and most crucial of these events. This was the date on which the Russian government and people declared 'no more' to the slow war of aggression being waged against them all along their borders, and most especially in Ukraine.

The installation of a new, popular government in Niger on 26 July 2023 was the next big event to shake the imperialists' complacency. This was a clarion call to the superexploited

people whose effects are being felt all over the African continent.

And then on 7 October 2023 news reached us of the launch of the Al-Aqsa Flood battle by the united forces of the Palestinian resistance. With the onset of this operation, another line in the sand had been drawn, another call sounded whose echoes are reverberating around the world.

Each of these events has been long in the making. Each represents a decisive turning point in the development of these three separate but related struggles against imperialist domination of the globe.

Each one has struck a mighty blow at the imperialist system and revealed an essential impotence at the heart of the seemingly all-powerful US-led Nato war machine—an impotence which has left their vicious fascistic proxies glaringly exposed.

For all their firepower, for all their economic might, for all their undoubted ability to inflict horrendous suffering on a targeted people, the imperialists are unable to beat down the forces of resistance, and the more those forces work together, as they are increasingly doing, the more impossible the task of defeating them becomes.

In Ukraine, it is clear that, however long the war continues to be fuelled by western money and weapons, the days of the fascistic stooge regime of Zelensky and co are numbered.

In Niger, too, the imperialists have been unable to muster a reliable proxy force capable of reimposing their diktat. Compradors across the region are starting to worry that their days, too, might be numbered.

And in Palestine, we see that the harder the zionist criminals

push to achieve their genocidal aims, the more surely do they create the conditions in which a united middle-eastern response will emerge and prove decisive. Not only the rabid government of Netanyahu and co, but the entire settler-colonial population of Israel are waking up to the fact that their days as a supremacist outpost of western imperialism are coming to an end.

In each case, the sympathy and increasingly active support of all progressive humanity is on the side of the anti-imperialist forces.

In each case, the unconditional support of the imperialist and stooge politicians and media for the forces of reaction is exacerbating the crisis of legitimacy that their governments are already facing.

As we stand here today, commemorating the anniversary of the heroic antifascist uprising of students at the Athens Polytechnic 50 years ago, we note that the student rebellion was expressing the sentiments of the wider working class, many of whom flocked to join it once the standard had been raised.

The call of the risen workers and peasants for 'Bread, education and liberty' echoed the demand of the poverty-stricken, war-torn masses of Russia who demanded 'Peace, land and bread' in 1917. These demands are so simple, yet the self-styled 'masters of the universe' cannot fulfil them. They can only answer with more violence, more repression, more hunger and more misery.

Understanding this simple truth was what impelled the Russian people to carry out the October Revolution. And it is what has driven every national-liberation and socialist struggle that followed in the footsteps of October.

This is the understanding we must once again bring to workers

everywhere. Imperialism cannot be reasoned with, and it cannot solve the most basic problems of the masses.

It can only loot, pillage and burn. And it is willing to drown the world in blood in order to hang on to its ill-gotten gains and maintain the lords of finance capital in their position of dominance over all.

This lesson has been taught to the working masses over and over again in blood.

Let us learn from our history and throw all our weight behind the forces of resistance in the titanic battles to come. Let the next wave of struggle be as earth-shaking as was the first!

Death to the warmongering Nato imperialist bloc and all its fascistic proxies!

Victory to the resistance!

Onward to socialism!

Washington Declaration:

The Nato imperialist alliance can be defeated if we build the worldwide Axis of Resistance!

Jul. 8, 2024

Washington International Conference in the USA

Recognising that the ultimate cause of all the wars currently raging around the globe is imperialist monopoly-capitalism, the global economic system of domination and superexploitation, we, the parties and organisations of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, note the following:

- That during the last two years of Nato's war against Russia via fascist proxies in Ukraine, many weaknesses have been exposed in the imperialist camp.
- That nine months of imperialist war (a Nato war in all but name) against the people of the middle east via zionist proxies in Palestine have only served to exacerbate these weaknesses and expose them further.
- That the war in Ukraine first exposed the economic weakness of the Nato imperialists, who tried to destroy Russia's economy with a sanctions war and ended up by strengthening Russia's

economy and further damaging their own.

- That as a result, the economic crisis that the imperialist countries were trying to escape, has only been exacerbated, with energy prices and inflation rocketing, European industry becoming unviable, and the cost of living for ordinary workers climbing steeply.

- That the war in Palestine has further exposed this weakness, revealing that despite almost unlimited subsidies to the settler-colonial entity, its backers in the west are no longer able to keep the zionist economy afloat.

- That the war in Ukraine has also exposed the military weakness of the imperialist countries, which have for so long held out the threat of overwhelming force to compel the submission of those in the oppressed and developing world. In Ukraine today, despite Nato having spent a decade creating huge and multiple lines of fortification in preparation for a confrontation with Russia, and despite having built up the Ukrainian army into what was essentially Nato's largest fighting force, the western alliance is being decisively beaten.

- That the war in Palestine has further exposed this weakness. Despite its backing by Nato bombers and aircraft carriers, and despite being re-equipped daily with arms supplies from the west, the zionists are being decisively beaten on every front of the war: in Gaza by the Palestinian resistance, in northern Palestine and the Golan Heights by Hezbollah, in the Red Sea

by Ansarullah and across occupied Palestine by a combination of regional resistance forces, including those based in heroic Yemen and in occupied Iraq.

- That the death and destruction that the Zionists have wrought so mercilessly on innocent Palestinian civilians, on their homes, schools, workplaces and hospitals, have achieved nothing militarily - today there is no area of the Gaza Strip that is safe for Israeli or US soldiers.

- That both these wars have highlighted an extremely significant shift: that the West has lost its technological dominance, and with it the ability to enforce its will over the people of the planet.

- That the war in Ukraine has also exposed the systematic dishonesty of the imperialist camp. Unable to win outright military victories, the imperialists have been using their global dominance of corporate and social media to spin headlines and build narratives about the war that are pure Hollywood, with no real basis in reality.

- That during this process, the imperialists have been extremely careless with Ukrainian lives, unconcerned with the hundreds of thousands of men who have been sent to their deaths for no military purpose whatsoever. Thus, the absolute inhumanity of imperialism has been highlighted once again.

- That this duplicity and inhumanity has been most glaringly

laid bare in Palestine, where real-time footage of the ongoing Gaza genocide has been giving the lie to the assertions of western journalists and politicians almost as soon as they are uttered.

- That while making statements about the need for peace and negotiations, western leaders have been shown to be sending unlimited supplies of arms and finance to the zionist genocidaires. Meanwhile regular massacres of civilians and the systematic targeting of schools, universities and hospitals hardly get a mention in western media, or are blatantly misrepresented. The genocide perpetrators are routinely sympathised with and presented as ‘democratic’ forces engaged in ‘self-defence’, while those resisting oppression continue to be dehumanised and described as ‘terrorists’.

- That this duplicity extends to the diplomatic sphere, and that countries in the oppressed world are increasingly coming to the conclusion that the imperialists cannot be negotiated with; that their treaties are not worth the paper they are written on. That neither the Sunshine protocols signed up to by the DPRK, nor the Oslo process signed up to by the Palestinians, nor the Minsk process signed up to by the Russians were ever sincerely aimed at finding genuine or peaceful solutions but were simply a mechanism for tying the hands of one side while the imperialists themselves created ‘facts on the ground’ and prepared for a renewal of military aggression.

- That as a result, many countries are coming to the realisation

that there is simply no way to remain safe from imperialist hostility while also remaining sovereign. This is the reason for the ever-accelerating rate at which the anti-imperialist countries are now strengthening their bilateral and multilateral relationships - a most welcome development for the oppressed people everywhere.

- That despite all their differences in ideology and outlook, the anti-imperialist camp today is stronger than it has been since the death of Josef Stalin in 1953. In economic and technological terms, it is stronger than it has ever been, while imperialism is weaker than it has ever been. Truly the balance of forces are reaching a decisive tipping point in history.

- That the wars in Ukraine and Palestine have also exposed the bankrupt and rotten state of much of what still calls itself the 'communist' movement. The war has provided us with a perfect litmus with which to find out who is a genuine revolutionary and who has become merely a tame 'oppositionist'; who retains fidelity to anti-imperialism in practice and who merely hides behind plausible phrases as a cover for their rotten, opportunist actions in support of imperialism.

- That genuine anti-imperialists have a duty to do everything possible to bring home to workers all the lessons outlined above. We must help workers see that just as they have been lied to about Palestine and zionism, so they have been lied to about Russia and Ukrainian fascism, about China, the DPRK and Iran. And we must use this understanding to mobilise the masses

everywhere to take an active part in this, the most decisive struggle of our era - the struggle to destroy once and for all the imperialist global system.

- That failure in its wars in Europe and west Asia will not hold the imperialists back from their war drive, but rather impel them on, desperate to save themselves and their system by any means necessary. It is in this light that we must understand the spread of Nato across the globe, the attempt to create an east Asian wing of Nato with which to confront China and the DPRK, and the building up of proxy armies by Nato on the continent of Latin America.

We therefore commit to the following:

1. That we will do everything in our power to help workers and oppressed peoples understand that we have a side in this war; that it is in every working person's interest for Russia to defeat Nato, and for Palestine and the wider middle-eastern resistance to defeat zionism and kick imperialism out of the middle east; that these huge blows at our common enemy can only help accelerate the shifting of class forces in the world and create better conditions for the struggle against imperialist domination and exploitation everywhere else.

2. That we will do everything in our power to popularise the demand for a campaign of active non-cooperation with every aspect of the imperialist war machines, including proxy forces. We will work to help workers realise that they have the power

to compel their governments to withdraw support for the illegal, aggressive warmongering of the zionist and Nato extermination machines, and to help them organise to use that power.

3. That we will do everything in our power to debunk the propaganda and expose the war preparations of the imperialists in relation to China and the DPRK; to help working people understand that no matter who fires the first shot, any war that breaks out in east Asia will have been provoked by imperialist aggression; that therefore the masses must be on the side of China and the DPRK and must work actively for their victory just as in every other theatre of war where imperialism and its proxies are fighting to maintain or impose their hegemony.

4. That we will do everything in our power to bring to the attention of the masses the essential inability of the imperialist system to live in peace, highlighting the rapid and aggressive expansion of Nato across the world - in particular into east Asia and Latin America - and explaining that the imperialists hope to recover from their economic crisis through means of warfare and are desperately searching for fresh troops to throw into the battlefield.

5. That we will work to spread awareness of the historical opportunity that is opening up to humanity, and the duty we have of rising to the times; that we will inject the working masses with optimism about their prospects for success and the bright future awaiting them on the other side of victory.

Imperialism is in a deep crisis, and its combined forces are weaker than at any time in their history. Meanwhile, the combined forces of anti-imperialist resistance are stronger than they have ever been. People everywhere are crying out for the chance to break the chains of imperialist enslavement, impoverishment and perpetual war; they are crying out for the chance to develop along a human-centred and ultimately socialist path, free from exploitation of all kinds.

The times are changing. All over the world, the balance of forces is shifting and a revolutionary current is building.

Now is the time to redouble our efforts in building up the Axis of Resistance in every corner of the earth.

Disband Nato!

Death to imperialism!

No cooperation with imperialist war!

Victory to the resistance!

Washington Joint Statement:

Let us bring an end to imperialism with the global anti-imperialist struggle and achieve independence and peace!

Jul. 7, 2024

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Washington

NATO summit will be held in Washington, DC, from July 9 to 11. The main agendas will be the war in Ukraine, “deterrence” and “defense” of NATO, and intensifying cooperation between Asia-Pacific partners (AP4) countries—Japan, the “Republic of Korea (ROK),” Australia, and New Zealand. The US State Department, addressing the agenda on the war in Ukraine, blatantly expressed its plot to prolong the war by saying, “Ukraine should be in a position to continue this fight into 2025.” Meanwhile, the Biden administration mobilized all US allies in West Asia (Middle East), including not only Israel but also Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates, for this meeting. Experts have mentioned that creating a Middle East version of NATO has been a long-held ambition of successive US administrations. A series of facts demonstrates that this NATO summit is a plotting meeting for World War 3.

NATO is expanding its reach to the Indo-Pacific region. The NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg spouted sophistry regarding China-Russia cooperation, stating “China is inciting

the largest military conflict in Europe since World War 2”, and regarding NATO-AP4 collusion, he said, “Our security is not regional, it is global.” The US State Department recklessly remarked that both Japan and the “ROK” have been very good partners in addressing the threat posed by Russia, and that the security concerns faced in the Indo-Pacific are very similar to those that are faced in NATO’s Article 5 territory. The USA, Japan, and the “ROK” agreed on the content corresponding to Article 5 of the NATO treaty’s concept of collective security at the Camp David summit in August 2023 and decided to conduct regular multi-domain joint military exercises, which are similar to NATO military exercises. As NATO’s expansion to the East provoked the Ukraine War, the “Indo-Pacificization of NATO” is causing the opening of the war in East Asia.

The war is imminent in East Asia, and the fronts are expanding in both Eastern Europe and West Asia. The US imperialist aggressive forces are utilizing pro-US fascist power in the “ROK” as their proxy for the war in the “ROK”, and conducting war exercises against the DPRK day after day, while manipulating pro-US warmongering forces in the Philippines and separatist forces in Taiwan to carry out aggressive military exercises against China, and moving Japanese militarist forces as a strike group for the war in East Asia. From January to May, the USA and NATO conducted large-scale invasion exercises near Russia and recently allowed their homeland-supplied weapons to strike Russia. The Ukrainian neo-Nazi military fired US-made ATACMS missiles with prohibited cluster bombs at Sevastopol and massacred civilians, instigating the war in Eastern Europe. Zionist Israel, which slaughtered over 40,000 Palestinians, is

fanatically expanding the war in West Asia by bombing the Iranian consulate in Syria in April and precipitating an all-out war with Hezbollah of Lebanon in June.

We must crush the imperialist aggressive war drive with the worldwide anti-imperialist joint struggle. As anti-imperialist camp and imperialist camp clash, the truth and justice become clearer whose side they are on. The anti-imperialist camp firmly holds the justification of anti-fascism, liberation, and reunification, which the imperialist camp can never deny. The nuclear missile superpowers of the anti-imperialist camp—DPRK, China, and Russia—are growing stronger; at the same time, they firmly unite with Iran and other ‘Axis of Resistance’ countries, along with world anti-imperialist movements. In contrast, the USA, European imperialism, and pro-US fascist countries are pushing World War 3 in full swing and manipulating the “New Cold War” framework as internal overall crises deepen. It is common sense that the side with both justification and strength wins the war. Awakened and united people of the world will bring an end to imperialism with vigorous anti-imperialist joint struggle and put forward a new era of global independence and peace.

Dakar Declaration:

We must strengthen the anti-imperialist front

Oct. 26, 2024

Dakar International Anti-imperialist Conference in Senegal

The revolutionary upsurge demanding independence from imperialism by the peoples of the world is growing intense. The anti-imperialist struggle in the Sahel region of Africa, which reached new heights in 2020, has led to the complete removal of US and French troops from Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. The ejection of these troops, which facilitated the political domination and economic plunder of the region by western powers, is one more historic victory for the anti-imperialist struggle on the African continent.

Also in the Sahel region, the Senegalese people have been waging an intense struggle against the pro-imperialist regime, which had deepened its west-backed fascist repression of the popular forces. The recent electoral victory after 12 years of fierce struggle is a significant achievement by the popular movement in Senegal.

Underlying the shining achievements of the anti-imperialist struggle in Africa is the spirit of combative and revolutionary Pan-African anti-imperialism. This combined the constant contemplation and practice of brave African revolutionaries with the great global upsurge in the national-liberation struggle

that emerged from the victory over fascism achieved by the socialist forces with the USSR at their head during WW2.

The revolutionaries who fought for African liberation, including Amílcar Cabral, whose 100th birth anniversary we celebrate this year, transcended the borders artificially created by the imperialists, smashed their viciously divisive tactics and raised the strategic banner of anti-imperialism and socialism as the true path to the liberation of the African continent from colonialism and neo-colonialism.

The struggle and activities of the African peoples to realize their dignity and rights in the face of imperialism's aggression and plunder for five long centuries confirm the revolutionary principle that imperialist forces, whose aim is domination and exploitation, are the main enemies of the world's people, and the immutable truth that where there is oppression, there will be resistance.

The world is heading deeper into a third world war

The imperialist camp is now deepening its drive into World War 3 by prolonging the war in Ukraine, escalating the war in West Asia (the Middle East), and driving towards further war in East Asia and the Western Pacific.

The US-NATO Ukrainian neo-Nazi puppet army has been demanding that the US and NATO authorize long-range missiles to hit the Russian mainland, and many within the imperialist camp indeed want to lift the restrictions on the use of these missiles, forcing Russia to revise its nuclear doctrine in self-defence. Despite losing on all the major battlefields, the aggressive imperialist forces continue to provoke Russia and are frantically trying to expand and prolong the war in Ukraine.

Using its zionist proxies, US imperialism is driving towards a wider war in West Asia. The zionist killing machine, with the full support of the USA, the EU, and NATO, continues to massacre Palestinians in its genocidal assault on the Gaza Strip. At the same time, the zionists have been bombing Beirut, southern Lebanon, Syria and Iran, assassinating (among many others) Hezbollah's military commander and the chairman of the Hamas's political bureau in July, and going on to murder Hezbollah's secretary general in late September and Hamas's fighting leader in October.

On 1 October, Iran launched Operation "True Promise 2", and Hezbollah has since then been engaged in close fighting to repel repeated Israeli invasion attempts along the Lebanese border. The Palestinian resistance forces continue to resist zionist invasion forces in the Gaza Strip, and the "Axis of Resistance", the united forces of armed and popular struggle against imperialism and zionism in the region, has announced its intention to fight to the finish in the event of a full-scale war in West Asia.

There are increasingly clear signs that the imperialist camp in its death throes is preparing for a war in the Western Pacific, in which Australia and New Zealand will be also involved, expanding its existing plans for war in East Asia, provoked through a combination of proxy forces from Japan, the "Republic of Korea (ROK)", Taiwan and the Philippines.

The imperialist camp has been realizing its plan for the "Pacificization of NATO" with the Washington NATO Summit in July 2024 and via the large-scale multinational joint military exercises in the Pacific, in which the pro-US belligerent countries in the Western Pacific participated alongside NATO

members. The USA and pro-US belligerent countries have been completing various military blocs, forming aggressive military alliances and conducting joint military exercises at the “alliance” level.

It is deeply concerning that the drive towards a war on the Korean peninsula could well trigger a wider war in East Asia and the Western Pacific. The USA, Japan, and the “Republic of Korea (ROK)” have agreed on a NATO-style “collective security system”, conducting joint NATO-style military exercises and completing the formation of a “Northeast Asian NATO”. The puppet regime of Yoon Suk-yeol in the “ROK” conducted joint military exercises aimed at the DPRK with the USA throughout August, culminating in a fascistic crackdown on even constitutionally recognized political parties at the end of the month.

The opposition leaders of the “ROK” have even presented evidence that Yoon’s government is plotting a local war in order to justify declaring martial law and consolidating his unpopular regime. Meanwhile, the USA has set up a unified command over Japanese and US forces, which will be operational in early 2025, in order that a Japanese militarist force can provide the storm troops for its planned wars in the region.

Alongside these expanding military fronts, US imperialism is waging economic warfare, attempting to isolate and crush all anti-imperialist nations. It has accused the foremost anti-imperialist countries—the DPRK, China and Russia—of being a New “Axis of Aggressors”, and has used this excuse to justify the deepening of its long-standing economic and propaganda war against them. Its aim of breaking and colonising Russia and China is but the latest iteration of the same old imperialist

hegemonic strategy that was outlined in Zbigniew Brzezinski's notorious "Grand Chessboard".

"Color revolutions"—i.e., plots for overthrowing governments that stand in the way of US diktat—are being overtly attempted all over Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia. A recent representative example was the attempt by US-backed fascists to carry out a coup d'état against the Venezuelan people's government.

We must strengthen our fight

The revolutionary parties, workers and peoples of the world are faced with the task of overcoming the unprecedented crisis into which the capitalist-imperialist system has plunged humanity and of building a new era of based on peace, fraternity, liberation and self-determination.

The imperialist camp's drive towards all-out global war, backed up by the establishment of a "New Cold War" political, media and economic framework, is a reflection not of the strength but of the weakness and desperation of the imperialist system and its rulers. Our response must be to strengthen the anti-imperialist front and help to bring strength and clarity to the inevitable people's uprisings.

The imperialist countries are experiencing a serious political and economic crisis, with low approval ratings, corruption scandals, soaring government debt, high prices, and high unemployment. The more that they pursue war policies to escape this crisis, the deeper the crisis will become and the more intense will be the resistance of their people. The imperialist camp is caught in a trap with no way out.

The military and political power and strategic and tactical

cooperation between the socialist countries of the DPRK and China, and a country with socialist heritage, Russia, are steadily increasing. The “Axis of Resistance” led by Iran in the West Asia, the anti-imperialist mass movements of Africa, Latin America and Asia, and the peace-loving people in the imperialist countries, are all important forces within the anti-imperialist camp. Under the just banners of peace, antifascism, liberation and reunification, the anti-imperialist forces are dealing heavy blows to the imperialist camp’s offensives and advancing forward.

The World Anti-imperialist Platform stands with the forces of global anti-imperialism, setting itself three major goals: the strengthening of the anti-imperialist struggle among the masses, the strengthening of the ideological battle against pro-imperialist ideas, and the strengthening of the communist movement as the core of true anti-imperialism.

These goals aim to strengthen the anti-imperialist front and help the peoples of the world advance towards the achievement of independence, peace, liberation and revolution.

The struggle against imperialism, which is the enemy of all humanity, must be waged with courage and persistence, with the clear understanding that “The People United will never be defeated!”

Workers and oppressed peoples of all countries, unite!

Disband NATO!

No cooperation with imperialist war!

Down with Zionism and fascism!

Death to imperialism!

Victory to the forces of socialist and anti-imperialist resistance!

Dakar Joint Statement:

The imperialist camp's aggression threatens Palestine, Africa, the oppressed nations and the world

Oct. 25, 2024

World Anti-imperialist Joint Struggle in Dakar

Today, Africa's situation mirrors the global political landscape. Amid the imperialist camp's schemes for division, manipulation, and aggression, the revolutionary advance of anti-imperialist forces is leading the African people through a period of upheaval and transformation.

The popular forces in Mali (2020), Burkina Faso (2022), and Niger (2023) have achieved critical victories in their anti-imperialist resistance wars, resulting in the expulsion of French and U.S. imperialist forces. This has set the stage for further anti-imperialist liberation. In response to sanctions imposed by ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and the threat of military intervention in Niger, the three nations jointly declared their withdrawal from ECOWAS in January 2024 through a joint statement by the newly-formed Alliance of Sahel States. Strengthening military ties with Russia, these countries are resisting imperialist sanctions and pressures, drawing closer to the anti-imperialist resistance. Meanwhile, in Senegal, the people's uprising has overthrown the fascist neo-colonial

regime which ruled the country for 12 years, imprisoning opposition leaders, torturing and killing thousands of prisoners of conscience, dissolving political parties, and postponing the elections in February 2024, all of which brought forth the fierce resistance of the people. These anti-imperialist revolutionary changes in West Africa reaffirm the truth that only the people's struggle can transform the world.

The collision between anti-imperialist forces and pro-imperialist reactionaries is intensifying. In May 2024, the U.S.A. for the first time designated an African country, Kenya, as a "Major Non-NATO Ally", revealing its blatant plans to use Kenya as a lever for the imperialist agenda across Africa. In response, the Kenyan people have risen up in protest against their pro-U.S., war-mongering, livelihood-devastating, and corrupt government. Widespread anti-government protests have escalated since mid-2024, leading to extreme political instability.

Since 2024, the intensifying anti-government popular mobilizations have led to plunging Kenya into deep political turmoil and have created favourable conditions for the seizure of political power in Kenya by the people including workers.

Imperialist schemes are also evident in the armed conflicts that have been stoked in Nigeria's Plateau State, and in the tribal clashes in disputed areas between South Sudan and Sudan. The African masses are bearing the brunt of all this turmoil, which leaves them perpetually at risk of the looming threat of massacre.

Across Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe, the U.S.A and its imperialist allies continue to orchestrate "color revolutions," to wage economic warfare through sanctions, and to spread propaganda via Western media. Notably, the U.S. imperialists

have imposed sanctions on Venezuela, falsely framing the country's recent election as 'illegitimate' and 'unfair' while inciting far-right coup attempts to undermine the people's popular government.

It is noteworthy that the upheavals in Africa and U.S. imperialist attempts to overthrow anti-imperialist regimes worldwide are coming within the situation of a Third World War. The imperialist system, led by the bloodthirsty U.S. aggressors, is the root cause of a Third World War. The war in Ukraine, which erupted in February 2022 and marked the onset of a Third World War, has its roots in the 2014 'Euromaidan' fascist coup—a product of the 'color revolution'—and has escalated through eight years of the war between the fascist forces and the revolutionary forces in Donbass. This illustrates the devastating consequences of the imperialist camp's instigation of so-called 'color revolutions' and of their schemes to suppress all opposition to their domination.

Moreover, this Third World War, which is in essence a war between the anti-imperialist and imperialist camps, poses a grave threat not only to the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America but also to the dignity and lives of the people within the imperialist countries themselves. The just struggle of Palestinian resistance in the face of a fascist war of genocidal extermination by the Israeli Zionists is accelerating global awareness that "imperialism is fascism and war". Therefore, the masses all over the world must unite with the anti-imperialist camp to overcome the hardships and adversities imposed by the imperialist economic and political system.

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of the great Amílcar Cabral, and reminds us of the achievements

of the African communists who fought for national and social liberation in Africa. Through the establishment of the PAIGC and the waging of an armed struggle, Cabral secured the independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde while working tirelessly for the realization of combative pan-Africanism. Tragically, he lost his life to neo-colonial reactionary violence after striving to build social emancipation. The spirit of anti-imperialism and the will for national and social liberation, as embodied by Cabral and other African communists, are reflected in combative pan-Africanism, which serves as a banner of unity and struggle that unites the African people. True pan-Africanism, untainted by pro-imperialists and neo-colonial opportunists, unites the African peoples in the common pursuit of anti-imperialism, true sovereignty, socialism and independence for all humanity.

Kwame Nkrumah's statement, 'We Must Unite or Perish,' is not only relevant to Africa. Only through the united anti-imperialist revolutionary struggles of the oppressed and exploited working masses can we overthrow the root cause of a Third World War—imperialism—and advance towards global independence, true peace, and a genuine democracy where the people become the master of political and economic power.

More than ever, "Proletarians and oppressed peoples, unite!"

Defeat U.S. Imperialism! Smash the Imperialist Camp!

Victory to the Anti-Imperialist Liberation Struggle!

Victory to the Forces of Anti-Imperialism and Independence!

Conclusion of the Colloquium of the 7th International Anti-imperialist Conference

Oct. 27, 2024

Dakar International Anti-imperialist Conference in Senegal

Gathered in Dakar for three days of intense work at the seventh international anti-imperialist conference of the World Anti-imperialist Platform, the Dynamique unitaire panafricaine (DUP), and the Comité national préparatoire du Sénégal en Afrique, on the theme of “Combative Pan-Africanism and Anti-Imperialist Internationalism,” we, delegates from 37 countries in Asia, America, Europe, and Africa, once again recognize the need to combine fighting pan-Africanism with internationalism, and the importance of the anti-imperialist and popular orientation of pan-Africanism.

Considering the situation and tasks of the African revolutionary movement, we were able to understand current sovereignist experiences, their positive points and their weaknesses.

The sufferings of the peoples and nations of Africa – the situation of the Democratic Republic of Congo being emblematic – under the blows of imperialism’s thrust, have highlighted the need to unite against imperialism’s divisive maneuvers, and the need to pursue the path of national liberation, class liberation

and human emancipation, through which peoples become the true masters of society. This is a common task for the oppressed and exploited peoples of the world, not just Africa, and the scientific path of revolution that must be pursued consistently and strategically in order to achieve true liberation.

We also recognize that the workers' movement and the class struggle in the imperialist countries are closely linked to the people's movement and the national liberation movement in the neo-colonized countries, and that they all constitute one of the most important foundations of today's internationalist movement.

Humanity today faces the threat of the Third World War provoked by imperialism. Unfortunately, the storm of world war is blowing from Eastern Europe through West Asia (the Middle East) to East Asia and the Western Pacific. Above all, the anti-imperialist camp, which aims for justice, peace and liberation, must form and strengthen the anti-imperialist front, aim for the unity of the proletariat and the peoples of the world, and go beyond the struggle of steadfast resistance to the popular uprising.

We support the historic experience of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC), whose thinker and leader was Amilcar Cabral. We must draw inspiration from this people-centered experience of national liberation in today's conditions, resolutely opposing and fighting against military coups with fascist and reactionary tendencies.

- With regard to the governments of Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Senegal, we support their anti-imperialist policies and the

need to unite all patriotic and revolutionary forces to consolidate their experiences.

- Anti-capitalist movements in imperialist countries must fight to satisfy the demands of exploited peoples and workers, refugees, migrants, young people, women, etc., as Amilcar Cabral emphasized. The workers' movement in the imperialist countries and the national liberation movement in the colonies are linked.

- Combative Pan-Africanism must be associated with anti-imperialism and internationalism.

- The imperialist forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United States, the European Union, and Japan are marching towards the Third World War.

- The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran are points of support for the anti-imperialist front. World anti-imperialist forces are striving to strengthen the anti-imperialist front, and affirm the need for a popular uprising that mobilizes all the people.

- We recognize the importance of the BRICS system, which includes the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, in the anti-imperialist front.

- Pan-African and world revolutionary organizations, including

the DUP and the Platform, must contribute to strengthening scientific and revolutionary education in Africa, including West Africa.

- Workers and peoples boycott and resist imperialist weapons supplied for the wars in Ukraine and West Asia, as well as all war maneuvers, by all possible means, including boycott, and strive to stop the war of aggression.
- We support struggles and resistance movements against imperialist monopoly capital, such as the anti-Bolloré struggle.

Participants at the seventh international anti-imperialist conference are already committed to drawing up a plan of action to strengthen effectiveness and solidarity against imperialism.

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