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LET US STRENGTHEN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION AND THE EU-FOR A EUROPE OF THE PEOPLES, OF SOCIALISM!

Workers, self-employed, craftsmen, small farmers, women, young people, pensioners, people with special needs

We, the Communist and Workers' parties which sign this declaration address you on the occasion of the EU Parliamentary election of 2014.

Reality demonstrates that the EU, the European imperialist centre, has never served the wellbeing of working people. It has always been the tool of the European big capital to increase its profits and to secure its rule.

It can not be radically changed and can not become "pro-people". The expectations being fostered for a change in favour of the peoples through a change of the president of the Commission are fraudulent.

It is in the interests of the peoples to struggle to change the situation, to change the correlation of forces, for the Europe of socialism, which will safeguard the right to work, social and social-security rights, income, the future of the workers.

Our parties are defending your interests, the interests of the working class, the popular strata, the rights of the youth.

We are struggling against unemployment, the anti-people measures being imposed by the governments and the European Union for the reduction of salaries and pensions, the abolition of labour, social-security rights, the commercialization of health, education, welfare, the destruction of the environment, the abolition of democratic rights and freedoms. We are fighting against the EU, which is attempting to overcome the crisis at the expense of the peoples. We condemn anti-communism, repression, the restriction of sovereign rights.

Our parties support:

- The struggle of the workers and unemployed for fulltime-stable work.
- The defense of the people's income and increases in salaries and pensions.

- For free public health, education, welfare.

- Democratic rights in the workplaces, labour and social-security rights.

- The rights of immigrant workers

- The support for the small and medium farmers.

- The essential protection of the environment that is being sacrificed for the profits of big capital.

- We denounce the imperialist aggressiveness against the peoples, imperialist wars and interventions. We are struggling for peace, for the removal of all the US-NATO military bases, against NATO, against the "Partnership for Peace" and the Euro-army, against participation in wars and interventions.

- We are struggling against the full-scale offensive which is further escalating in the conditions of the capitalist crisis of overproduction and capital over-accumulation.

- We rally together with the working class and popular families that are undergoing the dramatic consequences of the capitalist crisis which is dramatically worsening the conditions of the working class and popular strata.

- We support the struggle of the peoples from the member-states of Eastern Europe, who are subject to the painful consequences of their countries' accession to the EU.

We call on the working class, the peoples:

- To develop their struggle concerning every popular problem, to strengthen their resistance against capital's offensive, and against the governments and parties that serve its interests.

- To strengthen their struggle against the European Union, the union of capital that strikes against the rights of the peoples.

- To support in every available way the communist and workers' parties that denounce the EU and its strategy in the battle of the EU Parliamentary election on the 25th of May 2014, to weaken the parties that support the EU and its political line, that defend the "EU one-way street" of capital.



This stance will lend strength to the people's struggle all over Europe, the workers will struggle from a more advantageous position.

The EU does not serve the people, the EU serves the billionaires, the super rich, the interests of the monopolies, the concentration and centralization of capital, to reinforce its characteristics as an imperialist economic, political and military bloc of states opposed to the interests of the working class and popular strata.

It is in the peoples' interests to oppose the attempt to manipulate them which is being organized by the EU, its mechanisms and the governments and the parties that support the imperialist union.

They promise that the EU can safeguard our right to work, guarantee labour and social-security rights. They want the people to believe that they can give them a better living standard. It is a big lie.

Let's remember the facts! The number of unemployed in the EU is 30 million, under-employment and poverty are constantly expanding, the future of the youth is being undermined.

The fundamental rights of working people and the popular strata are being abolished. Poor farmers are being wiped out, self-employed are being suffocated by the competition of the monopolies, inequality and discrimination against women is intensifying. Immigrants are being persecuted.

The anti-people arsenal of the EU is being reinforced with new measures. The "stability pact", the "reinforced economic governance" and the other instruments that are being used are forming a painful situation for the peoples.

The "Common Security and Defense Policy" constitutes a dangerous means for wars and interventions, in the service

of the imperialist aggressiveness.

The motor force of capitalist unification is the interests of the European monopolies, the EU is constantly developing in a reactionary direction at the expense of the peoples.

Consequently, it is obvious that neither the imperialist union, nor the European Central Bank can become pro-people, as the Europarties that support the EU's strategy claim.

Further, the EU cannot be promoted as a "counterweight" to NATO and the USA, as various supporters of the predatory alliance claim.

It cooperates closely with NATO and the USA against the peoples, while the inter-imperialist competition is intensifying and is related to the control of the markets, the sharing out of the plunder.

The Communist and Worker's parties that sign this statement :

Note that the offensive of capital is unified and concerns all the EU member-states, as well as the rest of the European capitalist states as a whole and on this basis it is necessary to strengthen the joint struggles of the CPs and the peoples, to develop solidarity with the struggle of workers all over Europe, all over the world.

We stress that there exists another development path for the peoples. The perspective of another Europe, the prosperity of the peoples, social progress, democratic rights, equal cooperation, peace, and socialism are highlighted through the workers' struggles.

We believe in the right of each people to choose in a sovereign way its path of development, including the right to disengage from the dependencies on the EU and NATO

and every other imperialist organization, to struggle for the socialist development path.

This is the real answer to the organized attempt to mislead the peoples.

This is the real pro-people answer to the so-called “euroscepticism” as well as to the nationalist, fascist-Nazi parties that seek to exploit the agony and problems of the people in order to strengthen their forces, as the spearhead of the dictatorship of the monopolies. This is the real answer to the reactionary, anti-historical theories that equate communism with Nazism and to the anti-communism that is spread by them and to the system that nourishes them.

We call on the working class, the peoples of Europe to answer this responsible call of the Communist and Workers’ Parties.

Weaken the forces that support the EU - Support the communist and workers’ parties by strengthening them.

No to the EU of the monopolies, of capital and war!

For a Europe of people’s prosperity, peace, social justice and democratic rights, of socialism!

Party of Labour of Austria

Communist Party of the Workers of Belarus

New Communist party of Britain

Union of Communists in Bulgaria

Party of Bulgarian Communists

Socialist Workers’ Party of Croatia

Communist Party in Denmark

Communist Party of Denmark

Pole of Communist Revival in France

Union of Revolutionary Communists in France

Communist Party of Macedonia

German Communist Party

Unified Communist Party of Georgia

Communist Party of Greece

Hungarian Workers’ party

The Workers’ Party of Ireland

Communist Party (of Italy)

Socialist Party of Latvia

Socialist People’s Front of Lithuania

Communist Party of Malta

People’s Resistance, Moldova

New Communist Party of Netherlands

Communist Party of Norway

Communist Party of Poland

Communist Workers’ Party of Russia

Communist party of Soviet Union

New Communist Party of Yugoslavia

Communist Party of Slovakia

Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain

Communist Party of Sweden

Communist Party of Turkey

Union of Communists of Ukraine



The European Union is the dictatorship of monopolies

Carmelo Suarez

The European Union (EU) is the concrete historical form adopted by the dictatorship of capital in Europe, as the political superstructure most suitable to the advanced process of concentration and centralization of capital in the beginning of the 21st century.

Monopoly capital, which is the result from the process of concentration and centralization of capital inherent to the capitalist social-historical formation, needs to unstoppably enlarge its expansion and growth abilities in order to control larger markets and move over large areas with all possible facilities needed by its bulky size. All this in order to extract the surplus value to ever larger masses of the working class and to devour other weaker fractions of these same monopolies and other subjects more backward in regards to the capitalist accumulation. Therefore, the confrontation is given among a very small elite and tens of millions of working men and women who have nothing to gain from this imperialist project. The inter-imperialist struggles do not contribute either to the improvement of the situation of the working class. None of the fractions of monopoly capital will stop submitting the working class to an always increasing exploitation because that obeys to its anti-social internal logic.

The imperialist bourgeoisie who sparked two world wars in the 20th century and forced the working class to go to the battlefield (with a score of more than sixty million dead) carrying different flags to defend the borders of their ruling classes, are now converted into strongly monopolist imperialist oligarchies and have adopted as a symbol of their joint a blue cloth full of yellow stars that represent the trophies that they have gradually incorporated into their logic of accumulation and robbery. The EU is undoubtedly a political and economic project led by the European oligarchical faction to promote their own class interests only.

The adoption of the single currency by a number of countries responds to this logic of monopoly capital. Monetary policy is under the absolute control of the institutions of the EU, who subtracts the member states the ability to manage their monetary policy in a way that it is

adjusted to their own national needs. The representatives of monopoly capital dictate policies that suit the big monopolies in instances increasingly remote of the social base necessarily integrated into this project.

In 2005 a Constitution was tried to be “added” to this class-oriented logic, which is the logic imposing its law in the EU. That was made in order to try to imitate the historical process that shaped the nation-states in the 19th century, thereby trying to give it a formally democratic clothing. This attempt resulted in resounding failure, and no one mentions this pathetic attempt. The big difference with the 19th century process, which monopoly capital did not appreciate this time, is that in that earlier historical stage the creation of nation-states attracted a variety of social classes, objectively interested in liquidating old structures anchored in the decrepit feudalism, as this process was undoubtedly a modernizing and historically progressive step forward. But the big difference is that, at the current stage, the imperialist EU project only represents the strategy of that very small elite which can only exercise their power based on exploitation and social oppression of the great majority (working class and popular sectors). It is clearly a process that does not advance in any modernization of the capitalist project (already impossible long ago) but seeks to consolidate and shape the perpetuation of dictatorial bourgeois power in the decay phase of the capitalist system. This phase is increasingly uneven, antisocial and violent. Therefore, the ruling bloc has so many difficulties to articulate social and political alliances that support their main strategies.

In real terms, the EU is led by the great monopolies of energy, communications, industry, the financial capital, food industry, manufacturing and sale of weapons, etc. This expresses, in an undisguised form, the confrontation between the interests of the elites linked to monopoly capital and a broad social base subjected to brutal exploitation and increasing poverty, with no option for a future within the capitalist system.

Assessing the historical process since the half of the 20th century, we can see how the continuous process of concentration and centralization of capital in Europe (always increased by the successive crises of the capitalist



system and as a need to overcome them) is associated with the adoption of political decisions that try to create a new framework of domination tailored to the needs of that monopoly capital: ECSC (1951), EEC (1957), Maastricht Agreements (1992), Treaty of Lisbon (2009), etc.

All these political initiatives have been made without a collective social support with enough significance to give them roots and social legitimacy, despite the political representation of the monopolies has not stopped trying. The promoters of the project use to say, euphemistically, that “among the population there is much indifference on the EU”.

The triumph of the counterrevolution in the USSR and other countries that were building socialism in the early nineties of the last century, freed the forces of capitalism who, without the brake of the socialist block, then began a frantic race to try to catch up. Thus the conditions for the perfect storm leading to the debacle of the current crisis were accelerated.

In the scenario of the crisis of capitalism, with its outbreak in summer 2007, all factors of lack of internal cohesion of the EU project are sharpened. Then the oligarchy unleashes a brutal war against the working class, attacking all rights that the working class considered conquered and impossible to lose, increasing the rate of exploitation of the labour force in a brutal manner and subjecting millions of workers to extreme impoverishment (a reserve army of nearly thirty million unemployed workers in the EU). The gap between a minority oligarchic elite on the one hand and the working class and other popular sectors on the other, is further enlarged. The space for consensus and the social covenant is extremely narrowed, the confrontation in the class struggle sharpens and a spectre is haunting Europe once again, “all the powers of old Europe have entered into a holy alliance to exorcise this specter:” Merkel, Hollande,

Rajoy, Cameron, Tsipras...

The working class strongly returns to the stage of history, a stage that it had never left although some believe the opposite, and once again struggles in the capital-labour confrontation. If in the past, in the artificial upswing that lasted fourteen years, capital managed to cushion the class struggle, today, in the acute phase of the outbreak of the crisis, the contradictions are sharpened and the working class begins to reorganize its forces for the counterattack. The strikes are increasing and so does the militancy of those strikes. The ideological battle between revolutionary and opportunistic forces gains momentum. The social peace is gradually cornered by the more militant positions in the class.

The working class and the popular strata are beginning to understand that they have nothing to do in the EU.

But the working class has a clear path. That path is called WAY OUT OF THE EURO, THE EU and NATO. The sooner our class begins to march that path with determination, the sooner will the end of capitalism approach, the sooner we will achieve the WORKERS' POWER and SOCIALISM-COMMUNISM. Let us not be distracted by the opportunists of the European Left Party (Cayo Lara, Alexis Tsipras, Pablo Iglesias), disciples of Bernstein and his gang. We are urged to get to our goal and we have the steadiness for that.

The Communist Party prepares its ranks for the offense and calls the working class to join for the decisive battle, in which the end can only be victory.

MAY 1: GENERAL STRIKE, DISENGAGEMENT OF THE EU. FOR THE WORKERS' POWER

Years and years of social covenant have led us to an unprecedented step backwards in the living and working conditions of the working class and popular sectors, destroying the collective bargaining and the most basic labour rights, together with historical rights won with the blood of workers, such as education and public health.

The position of the trade union leaderships, aimed to agreeing with the employers and the monopolies to avoid "the worst evil" is a deception and leads to the destruction of the living conditions of the working class, since it comes from the idea that we all have to "pitch in" to overcome the "crisis". The reality is that the capitalist crisis is suffered by the working class and the popular sectors. In a society divided into classes, where there are exploiters and exploited, the only guarantee to safeguard our rights is the unity and struggle of the entire working class. The covenants that guarantee social peace only guarantee their profits to a parasitic capitalist class living from the labour of the working class. Those who produce everything need nothing from those who pocket the work of others.

The working class needs to organize, to create structures where the main thing is the unity of the entire working class in the base, regardless of which trade union each one is affiliated. These unit structures, with a clear position of defending the interests of the working class, are the Committees for the Workers Unity. The PCPE and CJC make a calling to the whole working in order to create these committees in each company, sector and working class region.

One of the main tasks of the most aware workers is to unify the different existing struggles in a great general strike as the point from which to begin a cycle of strong protests against the anti-workers' plans of capital.

The different governments have brought us to this miserable situation, as the colour of the party at the front of the bourgeois government does not matter at all. Labour reforms, increases in indirect taxes on basic consumer goods, wars of imperialist plunder or repression against working people are a common denominator in all of them.

The European Union is the structure of the European monopolies from which most of these measures against the working people are imposed. It is not a "neutral" structure whose policies can be turned into something more "social", as some "left" parties say. The EU is a union of monopolies and about it we can only demand that our country immediately leaves it, together with NATO, its imperialist military structure, in order to begin to build a system according to the interests of the working

class, socialism – communism.

Today there is no possibility of confusion, the goal is clear: to unite the working class, to raise the economic struggle to political struggle against the monopolies, their state and their imperialist unions, building the workers' and people's front able to unite all struggles in a single strategic struggle to break with the dictatorship of the monopolies, with their imperialist structures and the parasitic system of exploitation.

Only the determined struggle of the working class, with its Communist Party at the forefront, may throw into the dustbin of history the criminal system of capitalist production. The same working class carries within itself a new man and woman, in a society without exploitation and where development is full for all mankind.

IMMEDIATE DISENGAGEMENT FROM EU, EURO AND NATO

FOR WORKERS' POWER. FOR SOCIALISM – COMMUNISM!

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING CLASS!

Statement of the labour movement commission of the CC of PCPE.