

Proletarians of all countries, unite!

Declaration on the 131st Anniversary of the Birth of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the 2nd Anniversary of the International Communist League

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Put the Great Red Banner of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism at the Helm of the Great Waves of Struggle of the Masses!

On the occasion of the 131st anniversary of the birth of the great Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the 2nd anniversary of the foundation of the International Communist League (ICL), we send our flaming proletarian class salutes to the international proletariat and the peoples and nations of the world. The workers and peoples of the world are combating and resisting the imperialist plunder and wars of aggression and their bloody drive to redistribute the world. The Palestinian people fuel with their valuable blood the heroic national liberation war in Palestine against the imperialist and Zionist aggressors, and proved to be a “*spark that can start a prairie fire*”, by giving an impulse for the worldwide anti-imperialist movement. We express our firm commitment to struggle for the unification of the International Communist Movement, serving the development of the revolutionary struggle, implacably combating revisionism as bases for unity, emphasizing especially those Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Parties that are leading the struggle for the New Power in the People’s War and thus represent shining examples for all the proletarians and communists of the world.

The political events in the world since the foundation of the International Communist League (ICL) have not only emphasized the necessity of international unification, but have also confirmed the common tactical and strategic determinations and political foundations in their truthfulness and in many cases also in their vivid foresight. “*Since the beginning of this decade, the crisis of imperialism and bureaucratic capitalism sharpens even more in the whole world. Whenever its decomposition deepens, all the contradictions sharpen; which generates more revolutionary situation in uneven development in the whole world. The situation is expressed by the great activity of the masses, its explosiveness makes all reactionaries and their revisionist lackeys tremble. It is expressed everywhere at great explosions. The objective situation meets at fast pace with the subjective factor—principally the process of the Communist Parties, as Marxist-Leninist-Maoist*

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*Parties of a new type to initiate new People's Wars. Thus a new moment opens, a period of revolutions as part of this New Great Wave of the World Proletarian Revolution. This situation determines the tasks, the strategy and the tactics of the Communist Parties in the whole world.”*² Our strategy and tactics, as well as the approach of all the problems of the world situation has to depart from this understanding of the world situation. In brief, to analyze how the classes from above and the ones from below confront each other, the two struggling poles that determine the existence of the developing revolutionary situation, thus serving to more broadly prove the reality of the objective conditions for revolution, the development of its components and its perspectives.

The efforts of imperialism to solve its own economic crisis by intensifying the plunder and oppression of the semi-colonies and colonies, as well as the working class and the peoples – concentration of land property based on the expulsion of the peasants, expropriation of small peasant production, massive inflation and unemployment, deindustrialization of entire regions, relocation of factories, interest rates hikes, forced migration, sharpening collusion and struggle among the imperialist, spurring the revolution and massively exacerbating the political crisis in a whole series of countries. Also larger imperialist countries such as Germany, France and even the USA itself, the main imperialist on a global level, are increasingly confronted with a situation in which they can no longer continue to rule as before. The new president of the USA, Donald Trump, is a clear expression of the necessity of US-Imperialism to react to its crisis and the tendency towards its decline, which is currently manifesting itself above all in the so-called “Western imperialists”, and expresses the attempt of US monopoly capital to adjust politically to the change in the global balance of power, the eruptions taking place and the national sharpening of class contradiction. US-imperialism must make readjustments in order to maintain its strategic goals of encircling the Russian imperialist opponent and containing social-imperialist China, as the current attempts of interventions and war preparations are stones with fall on their own feet, and face forceful resistance and also counter-offensives. The result of the imperialist policy, in collusion and struggle with the different imperialist, in the last two years of war in Ukraine is a further national oppression and subjugation and a great effort for the further division of the country, what once more proved Zelensky in front of the eyes of the masses to be a country-selling traitor and lackey of imperialism. In light of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the crisis of the each time more reactionary liberal democracy is evident, of all its system of parties and institutions, they are each time more divided, in trouble to establish minimally stable governments, opening the path for fascism. The classes from above cannot continue ruling as before. At the same time, the proletarians, the workers, peasants and oppressed middle classes are showing in large, protracted strikes, demonstrations, uprisings and rebellions that they no longer want to continue as before. The uprising of national liberation struggles in the region of the so-called

²*Joint Declaration of Fundamentals and Principles*, December 2022.

“Middle East”, especially in Palestine, are putting the plans of the imperialists in a difficult position and are to be understood as part of a forceful scream of the oppressed peoples against the bloody interventions and wars of repartition of the imperialists. The upraise of new struggles and wars for national liberation and sovereignty confirms that the dominant contradiction in the present world is that between imperialists and oppressed peoples and nations, which also influences and dominates the developments of the inter-imperialist contradiction, because the oppressed nations are precisely the booty of war, thus proving perfectly that only the proletarian revolution can prevent the World War, or the World War brings forth the proletarian revolution. At the base of all that are the masses. The classes from below cannot even continue to live as before. The masses are stirring in waves, spontaneously, but each time more massively and combatively. There is a developing revolutionary situation in the whole world that extends itself in the development of the anti-imperialist struggle and popular protest. Communists understand that both the imperialists’ contend for repartition, which develops amid struggle and collusion, and the development of the objective revolutionary situations follow the law of uneven development: “*The law of uneven development in the period of imperialism means the spasmodic development of some countries relative to others, the rapid ousting from the world market of some countries by others, periodic redivisions of the already divided world through military conflicts and catastrophic wars, the increasing profundity and acuteness of the conflicts in the imperialist camp...*”³ Here, Stalin brilliantly demonstrates the bankruptcy of various bourgeois and petty-bourgeois theories of crisis, as we find them today, for example, in the so called “multiple crisis” or the “permanent crisis”, which are themselves unmasked by reality each time. Undoubtedly, the world communist movement finds itself in a complex, but favorable moment of emergence of various contradictions, which are unleashed in uneven development as “*momentary and forcible solutions of the existing contradictions*”,⁴ in which it depends on whether the communists understand how to consolidate previous positive achievements and create new subjective conditions that meet the requirements of the moment. Chairman Mao gives important lessons to the communists on the relation between the objective and the subjective forces: “*Although the subjective forces of the revolution in China are now weak, so also are all organizations... of the reactionary ruling classes... In China the revolution will undoubtedly move towards a high tide more rapidly, for although the subjective forces of the revolution at present are weak, the forces of the counter-revolution are relatively weak too.*” The fact that the subjective forces are relatively weak only teaches us that it is not possible to win quickly, rather part by part, and through leaps. The ones who resign to lament before the hardships are nourishing capitulationism and liquidationism, which is no other thing than revisionism. They are the true apologists of imperialism. Revisionism blurs class struggle, centers its focus on the enemy, in the action of imperialism and not of the masses. Chairman Mao taught us that everything depends on having a correct

³Stalin.

⁴Marx.

ideological and political line and to fully and consciously assume it, to be ready to pay the highest price. Furthermore, in periods of development of the revolutionary situation, the historical changes that demand years, or centuries, take place in days or weeks. Also Lenin emphasized: *“In the history of revolutions there come to light contradictions that have ripened for decades and centuries. Life becomes unusually eventful. The masses, which have always stood in the shade, . . . These masses are making heroic efforts to rise to the occasion and cope with the gigantic tasks of world significance imposed upon them by history; and however great individual defeats may be, however shattering to us the rivers of blood and the thousands of victims, nothing will ever compare in importance with this direct training that the masses and the classes. . . .”*

The development of national liberation struggles worldwide, which is currently being expressed in concentrated form in the in the great storm center of the so called Middle East, shows that the deepening of the general crisis of imperialism is also generating more revolutionary situations in uneven development in different countries. The heroic war of national liberation in Palestine, highlighting the Al-Aqsa Flood on the 7th of October, is an essential impulse for the upswing of struggles in the entire region (such as in Lebanon), but also a significant impulse for the worldwide development of the anti-imperialist movement. This milestone represents a rupture point in the world situation. Since then, the world situation is transforming at extraordinary speed. The increasing isolation of the genocidal Zionist regime in Israel delays and partially thwarts the plans of US imperialism, and also intensifies the opposition of the masses in the Arab states, bureaucratic-capitalist regimes at the service of imperialism, as well as putting the imperialists worldwide increasingly under pressure. The change of the regime in Syria put forward, lead and supported with intervention of their troops by the imperialists and their related regional lackeys, with the aim of a balcanization of the country, have to be strongly rejected as a further attack against the Syrian peoples and the sovereignty of the country. In the same time it is a warning example for the peoples who are currently struggling for liberation that the path of national independence and sovereignty can only be consistently successful if it relies on its own forces and with an anti-imperialist character of the struggle as part of the new democratic revolution to finish off the domination of imperialism, bureaucratic capitalism and semi-feudality. The proletarian leadership is shown to be the decisive in the national liberation struggle, and we would like to emphasize the urgent necessity of the united front led by the communists.

Under this light of the new global situation, the increasing maturation of favorable conditions and also revolutionary situations, the worldwide significance of the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Parties, and especially the People’s Wars led by them must also be understood, as well as the importance of their support and propagandization, as we also emphasized in the Joint Declaration of Fundamentals and Principles: *“We reaffirm that the true national self-determination can only be achieved through revolution of a new democracy or socialist revolution, according to each case, to which it is necessary to constitute or reconstitute Communist Parties of new type, Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Parties capable of leading revolution to its end.”*

The People's Wars in India, Peru, Turkey and the Philippines not only withstand and develop in the midst of complex situations of encirclement and counter-revolutionary offensives. At the same time, they are the axis of the Proletarian World Revolution, from which not only the strategic considerations of the Proletarian World Revolution can be derived, but which also represent examples of the superiority and the truth content of the proletarian world outlook. The important developments of the revolutionary movement in Brazil, the most populous country in South America, must be seen as a significant new contribution. The mass protests and rebellions of the people, mainly the poor and landless peasants, are merging with the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Party and are increasingly taking on the form of agrarian revolution as part of the new democratic revolution. This development not only strengthens our ardent proletarian optimism, but also confirms in an outstanding way the basic laws of Marxism that where revolutionary theory unites with the masses, it becomes a material force, and we therefore want to point out the importance of the consolidation and development of subjective forces as proletarian organizations and Parties, especially in the present situation of the erratic development of the world situation: "*It was because it is not every revolutionary situation that gives rise to a revolution; revolution arises only out of a situation in which the above-mentioned objective changes are accompanied by a subjective change, namely, the ability of the revolutionary class to take revolutionary mass action...*"⁵

In the midst of a world situation characterized by drastic developments and upheavals, we want to celebrate the 131st birthday of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and commemorate it through the vigorous further development of the campaign for Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the new, third and higher stage of proletarian ideology. We must understand the campaign for Maoism as part of the struggle for the reunification of the world communist movement, which at the present moment is particularly expressed in three fundamental points of unity: "1) Maoism 2) *The struggle against revisionism, and 3) The Proletarian World Revolution*" The Declaration of Political Principles defined the foundation of the ICL as a "*step to reunite us and to overcome the dispersion in the International Communist Movement..., and a new stage of the organized struggle for the reconstitution of the Communist International under the command and guide of Maoism was opened*". Two years ago, the foundation of a new international organization of the proletariat was decided at the Unified International Maoist Conference. This event marked a turning point in the struggle for the reunification of communists at world level, allowed a systematic coordination of the 15 member Parties and organizations, based on the proletarian principle of democratic centralism and thus also confirmed the struggle against the ideological, political and organizational fragmentation of the world communist movement as an essential criterion for the development of the world proletarian revolution, as the titans and classics of the proletariat showed and taught us in great lessons. The last two years have seen important first steps towards the fulfillment of this task,

⁵Lenin.

especially in terms of increasing consolidation, which at the same time must be used as a basis to allow further development. Every new development is based on the consolidation of the previous one, and new tasks require the development of appropriate subjective conditions for mastering them. The International Communist League is an instrument for the reunification and reconstitution of the Communist International to combat imperialism, revisionism and all reaction. It is therefore necessary to assume the tasks and possibilities on the current situation and develop by applying two line struggle which will, consciously and frankly applied, forge and develop our forces and their capabilities in the midst of class struggle and two line struggle. We therefore also warmly welcome and salute all contributions, coordination and common activities of the Communist Parties and organizations in and outside of the ICL, proving the increasing vitality and activity of the communists on an international level, and serving to fulfill our role as the communists in the current moment. Our immediate task is to develop the growing popular protest, to mobilize, politicize, and organize the broad and deep masses in the struggle against imperialism and all reaction, inseparably combating revisionism and all opportunism. To forge the class struggle of true Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Communist Parties to carry out revolution.

Chairman Mao himself attached great importance to the struggle against revisionism—mainly modern revisionism—and thus developed the International Communist Movement. Also today, after a whole period of relative revisionist domination in many countries, we assess it as an essential task and duty of the communists, especially of the international communist organization, the ICL, to lead and advance the struggle against revisionism. In our founding declaration we emphasized: “*Chairman Mao told us: the history of the International Communist Movement shows us that proletarian unity is consolidated and developed in the struggle against opportunism, revisionism and divisionism.*” The communists must place themselves in the first rows of the battles and launch themselves into the combats without fear. The proletariat has a shining future. Imperialism is darkness, hunger, misery, genocide, exploitation and oppression. Our duty as Communist Parties is to defeat it, sweep the reaction away from the face of earth with revolutionary violence.

CELEBRATE THE 131st ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG'S BIRTH BY STRENGTHENING THE STRUGGLE FOR MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM!

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT - LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST LEAGUE!

LONG LIVE THE HEROIC PALESTINIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION OF THE OPPRESSED NATIONS!

**LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND
THE PEOPLE'S WARS WAGED BY MARXIST-LENINIST-MAOIST PAR-
TIES!**

**DOWN WITH REVISIONISM! LONG LIVE THE PROLETARIAN
WORLD REVOLUTION!**