Dear comrades and friends!

Please accept sincere greetings of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine on the Day of International Workers' Solidarity - May 1.

In world human history there are milestones and events that affect the fate and life of peoples, predetermining their further development. No doubt that one of these greatest events is the May 1st - Day of International Workers' Solidarity, which dates to the century before, when in 1889 the Paris Congress of the Second International approved it as a symbol of the struggle for workers' rights in memory of the Chicago workers who died when the police shot a peaceful demonstration in May 1886.

In the heroic Soviet era, May Day was rightfully considered a holiday, a symbol of creative endeavors, bright hopes, and deep respect for the Human of Labor who was the personification of the unity of the Soviet people of our multinational socialist Motherland, their desire to live in peace and work for the sake of universal well-being and happiness. No wonder the symbol of the holiday was the words: May! Peace! Work!

In today's conditions of the most severe exploitation, globalism, terrorism and neo-fascism, the exacerbation of the class struggle, the deepening of the gap between the exploiters and the huge mass of the working people, modern May Day returns to its origins and again becomes the day of the class struggle of workers for their political and socio-economic rights and freedoms.

Even before May Day 1893, F. Engels prophetically wrote: “May 1 marks a clear and precise situation - two sharply differing and opposing camps: on one side - the international proletariat, marching towards victory under the red banner of universal liberation. And on the other - the possessing and reactionary classes of all countries, united to defend their exploiting privileges. The fight has begun, the red banner is deployed, victory is assured. Forward!”

These military calls of May Day from F. Engels were taken up as a trigger by the Bolshevik party, headed by V.I. Lenin. And we won!

Now it's our turn to take the trigger for us, communists, proving that we are Leninists, that we deserve this trigger of class struggle and proletarian solidarity!

So let the friendly relations and international solidarity between our parties develop and strengthen in the common struggle against the capitalist exploitation of man by man, neo-fascism, terrorism and military conflicts, for the preservation of peace on the planet, for democracy, justice and social progress for the benefit of the working people of our fraternal countries, for democracy and socialism!

Long live May 1 - International Workers' Day!
Workers of all countries, unite!

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