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**NO TO THE US-NATO WAR PROVOCATIONS AGAINST RUSSIA
IN THE BLACK SEA AND THE UKRAINE !**

The USA, NATO and the Ukrainian government are escalating their provocation of Russia, dangerously risking an armed conflict that could escalate into a nuclear war. Since last year, the USA provocatively moved some of its navy ships into the Black Sea, an inland sea with shores on both Ukraine and Russia. (The other countries bordering the Black Sea are Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania and Georgia.) Britain, the USA's junior imperial partner, has now announced that it will send its navy ships into the Black Sea by next month (May 2021).

The Montreux Convention of 1936, on "*The Regime of the Straits, the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles*", guarantees the free passage thru these Turkish waterways of civilian vessels in peacetime, and restricts the passage of naval ships not belonging to Black Sea states. Since it became effective, the Convention has helped maintain peace in the Black Sea region, as imperialist naval forces had limited access to this inland sea.

However, the pro-US and Islamist regime of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey has been allowing the entry of US and NATO warships into the Black Sea thru its waterways (from the Dardanelles on the Aegean Sea in the west, thru the Sea of Marmara on the center, and up to the Bosphorus entrance to the Black Sea in the east). The Erdogan regime is apparently evaluating the possibility of withdrawing from the Montreux Convention, or of its annulment, for the sake of profit and also for expressing greater engagement to the USA, NATO and the EU.

Another alternative being considered is the construction of an Istanbul Canal parallel to the Bosphorus, that will connect the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. This will prepare the ground for the imperialist marine forces to bypass the Bosphorus, and thus the Montreux Convention. Either of these possible developments will only serve imperialism's intentions and increase the risk of war in the region.

The US-NATO militarization around the Black Sea and the Ukraine is a grave danger to world peace, as NATO forces are being deployed in Eastern Ukraine near the Russian borders, NATO and Ukrainian naval forces are repeatedly conducting joint exercises in the Black Sea region, and tensions involving the Crimean peninsula are also rising. The USA has pulled out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with Russia (which required parties to eliminate nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles), and is using this dangerous situation to further its anti-Russian campaign. It has been sending weapons to Ukraine, and hundreds of millions of dollars to fund the Ukrainian military. Last month, a bi-partisan group of hawks in the US senate have called for providing the neo-fascist regime of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky with jet fighters, "smart" munitions, and cruise missiles.

Fighting has been escalating in the eastern Donbass region of Ukraine as the Kiev government has moved forces into the area and started shelling the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, which are autonomous governments that rejected the 2014 US-engineered coup d'etat that overthrew the elected Victor Yanukovych

government and installed the pro-western government of Petro Poroshenko that included extreme right-wing and neo-nazi parties and organizations. Recently, Zelensky (a former comedian before becoming president) has called upon NATO to admit Ukraine into the alliance. NATO forces and bases have been surrounding Russia in the past years (also in the Baltics) and NATO has conducted military exercises on Russian borders. Ukraine has a longer border with Russia than any other European country, and is seen by the USA and NATO as an important factor in their military encirclement of Russia.

Turkey's Erdogan regime is part of this military encirclement, through the export of drones and other weapons to Ukraine. The Islamist Erdogan regime has always represented the pro-US tendencies of the Turkish bourgeoisie who want to benefit as the outpost of imperialism in the region. Significantly, the Erdogan regime richly benefitted from the theft of Syrian oil during the past decade of the US-Islamist war against Syria's sovereignty. While war leads to the humiliation, mass migration and loss of lives of working peoples, the Turkish bourgeoisie sees war in Eastern Ukraine as a chance within Turkey to stir up jingoist hysteria, to impose cuts on social expenses, to repress working class struggles, and reap profits for Turkey's capitalist monopolies.

Last month, the Zelensky regime proclaimed a military strategy aimed at retaking the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, and at "recovering Crimea." Crimea has historically been part of Russia, and became part of Ukraine only in 1954 when Russia and Ukraine were both part of the Soviet Union. The people of Crimea also rejected the US-supported right-wing coup d'etat in 2014, and voted overwhelmingly to return to Russia. In response to the aggressive moves on the part of the Ukrainian government along with the USA and NATO, Russia has been massing forces along its border with Ukraine. Russian troops are on Russian soil, yet the USA and NATO claim this as Russian "aggression".

Earlier this month, Russia recalled its ambassador to the US after US President Joe Biden broke with diplomatic protocol and called Russian President Vladimir Putin a "killer." This from the leader of the USA that has forces in 172 countries around the world and has killed millions in recent years through its military adventures. By ordering the bombing of Syria early in his reign, Biden only showed his genocidal streak, which has a long history in his support for past US wars and blockades abroad. Evidently, Biden the war monger will neither bring any sort of democracy to anywhere in the world, nor will his presidency mark a radical change in the bloody foreign policy of the USA.

Biden's provocative anti-Russia adventure in the Black Sea and the Ukraine is extremely dangerous, as any miscalculation or accident may lead to a nuclear conflagration that can end life on earth. It is urgent that all peace-loving forces worldwide oppose this.

The Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) demands :

**Hands off the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics ! Hands off the
Donbass !
Hands off Crimea ! Hands off Russia !
No military aid to Ukraine ! Keep Ukraine out of NATO !**

**Secretariat of the Central Committee,
PKP-1930
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**PAGBATI NG PKP-1930 SA PAGDIRIWANG NG IKA-45 ANIBERSARYO
NG SAMAHAN SA IKA-UUNLAD NG KABATAANG PILIPINO (SIKAP)
(Ika-25 ng Abril, 2021)**

**KA. JAY-AR TIÑA, Pambansang Pangulo ng SIKAP,
Mga kasama at mga kaibigan,**

Ang Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930) ay nagpapaabot ng mainit na pagbatì sa Samahan sa Ika-uunlad ng Kabataang Pilipino (SIKAP) sa inyong “online” na pagdiriwang sa araw na ito ng inyong Ika-45 Aniversario. Mahabang panahon na rin ang naging pagkilos ng SIKAP mula nang itinatag ito noong Abril 22, 1976, na nataon sa kaarawan ng dakilang lider at tagapagtatag ng sosyalismo na si Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

Matagal na panahong kaagapay ang SIKAP sa mga pakikibaka laban sa mga base at puwersang militar ng Kano, laban sa diktasyon ng WB-IMF-WTO at ADB sa ating pambansang kabuhayan, laban sa mga patakaran ng privatization at deregulation na pinakinabangan lamang ng mga dayuhan at lokal na oligarko, laban sa import liberalization na ikinalugmok ng ating mga manggagawa't magsasaka, laban sa mga pagyurak sa mga karapatang pantao, at laban sa anumang diskriminasyon sa kabataan at kababaihan.

Ang 45 taon ng pakikibaka ng SIKAP para sa karapatan sa edukasyon at para sa naturang mga layunin ay dapat lamang pagkunan ng higit na lakas at inspirasyon para sa patuloy pa ninyong mga pakikibaka para sa kalayaan ng ating bansa at ng mga uring gumagawa sa ating lipunan.

Ang tema ng inyong pagdiriwang ngayon – *Kabataan Kumiilos, Labanan ang Kahirapan Tungo sa Ligtas na Lipunan!* – ay angkop sa kalagayan ngayon ng pandemya ng COVID-19 na nakahawa na sa halos 146 milyong katao, at nakapatay na sa mga 3.1-milyon sa mahigit 120 bansa at teritoryo sa buong mundo simula pa noong pagtatapos ng 2019. Kasama na dito ang mahigit 972,000 na nahawa, at mahigit 16,400 na namatay, sa Pilipinas dahil sa COVID-19.

Maliban sa grabeng epekto sa kalusugan at kabuhayan ng mga nagkasakit, mayroon ring grabeng paglawak ng kahirapan at paghihikahos dala ng pagkawala

ng hanap-buhay ng milyun-milyong manggagawa sa ating bansa at sa buong mundo. Samantala naman, ang mga bilyonaryong kapitalista --- kasama na ang mga oligarko at mga taipans sa Pilipinas tulad nina Manuel Villar, Enrique Razon, Lucio Tan, Ramon Ang, Andrew Tan, Tony Tan Caktiong, Iñigo Zobel, Lance Gokongwei, Roberto Ongpin, Ricardo Po, Sr., ang mga tagapagmama ni Henry Sy, Sr., atbp., ay patuloy sa walang-kahiyang panghuhuhot sa lipunan sa panahon ng pandemya, upang mapabilang at matanghal sa “Forbes list” ng pinakamasisibang mga linta sa daigdig.

Ang nais ninyo sa inyong tema – na labanan ang kahirapan tungo sa ligtas na lipunan – ay hindi kailanman makakamit sa ilalim ng makasarili at mapanglagom na sistemang kapitalista sa ating lipunan. Ito ay makakamit lamang sa ilalim ng pang-kooperatibang sistemang sosyalista na siyang alternatiba sa kapitalismo. Kapansin-pansin na higit na matagumpay ang naging paglaban sa pandemya ng mga bansang sosyalista : mas kaunti ang bilang ng mga nahawa at namatay sa kanila, mas mabilis ang ginawa nilang pagpapagaling at pagbabakuna, mas mabilis ang pagbibigay nila ng ayuda, at mas mabilis na nalunasan ang disruption sa pag-aaral ng kanilang mga estudyante.

Kung susuriin, mga 1.6-bilyong estudyante ang natigil sa pag-aaral sa mga bansang kapitalista at mga bansang neokolonyal sa buong mundo sa panahon ng pandemya. Kasama na dito ang hindi kukulangin sa 3-milyong grade-school students sa Pilipinas. Ang pagtigil nila sa pag-aaral ay dahil sa kawalan o kakulangan ng panustos ng kanilang mga magulang. Pero sa ilalim ng sosyalismo, ang edukasyon sa lahat ng antas ay isang karapatan na tinutustusan sa kabuuan ng pamahalaan, at hindi nakabatay sa kakayahang pampinansiya ng magulang.

Ang kapitalismo ay sistema ng panghuhuhot ng kapitalista sa uring manggagawa at sa kabuuan ng sambayanan, at ng mapanglagom na kompetisyon sa kapwa-kapitalista. Ang puhunan ay nagiging konsentrado sa kamay ng iilan, dahil sa mapanirang kompetisyon, at dahil rin sa pangangailangan ng bagong teknolohiya na gumamit ng mas malaking paraan ng produksyon na humahawi at sumisira sa maliliit na kumpanya. Ang permanenteng sitwasyon sa kapitalistang ekonomya ay ang kawalan ng katiyakan na ang lahat ng nangangailangan ng trabaho ay makahahanap ng trabaho.

Nasa kapakanan ng kapitalista na manatili ang malaking bilang ng unemployed, upang ang mga may trabaho ay manatiling laging supapi sa takot na ma-sisante. Ang mabilis na kaunlaran sa teknolohiya, sa halip na magamit para mapagaan ang trabaho at mapaliit ang unemployment, ay ginagamit ng kapitalista para mapalala ang panghuhuhot sa manggagawa, sa consumers, at sa kabuuan ng lipunan.

Ang produkto ng kaunlarang kapitalista ay ang pagkakaroon ng isang oligarkiya na may labis na kapangyarihang hindi na kontrolado ng lipunan. Dagdag pa rito ang sistema ng eleksyon kung saan ang mga kandidato at ang kanilang mga tradisyunal na partido ay pini-pinansiyahan ng mga oligarko. Ang nahahalal na mga sinasabing “*kinatawan ng sambayanan*”, sa katunayan lamang ay gumaganap na

kinatawan ng mga oligarko. Higit pa rito, ang mga oligarko rin ang may tuwiran o dituwirang kontrol sa mga pinanggagalingan ng impormasyon (radyo, TV, pahayagan at mga paaralan).

Ang mga pabatirang pangmadla na hawak ng mga oligarko ang tumitiyak na ang sambayanan ay hindi makabubuo ng intelihenteng paggamit sa kanilang mga karapatan. Lahat ng kasinungalingan ang ibinubuhos laban sa konsepto ng sosyalismo, upang mapanatili ang pagkalito, pagkaligaw, at kawalan ng tamang oryentasyon ng mga uring gumagawa na siyang tunay na tagapagtatag ng sistemang sosyalista.

Ang sistema ng edukasyon sa ilalim ng kapitalismo ay humuhubog sa makasarili, mapag-kumpetisyon at mapanglagom na pananaw sa mga estudyante, na sinasanay upang sumamba sa komersiyalismo at mga luho bilang batayan o sukatang “tagumpay” sa kanilang hinaharap na karera sa buhay.

Ang tanging paraan upang maalis ang kawalang-katarungan sa ating lipunan ay sa pamamagitan ng pagtatatag sa sosyalistang ekonomya, at ng pagtutuon ng edukasyon tungo sa panlipunang kabutihan ng lahat. Nangangahulugan ito na ang lahat ng mga pangunahing kagamitan sa paglikha ay aariin dapat ng kabuuhan ng lipunan, at gagamitin sa isang naka-planong paraan. Sa naka-planong ekonomya ng sosyalismo ay mapupunan ng produksyon ang mga tunay na pangangailangan ng sambayanan, maipapamahagi ang trabaho sa lahat ng may kakayahang magtrabaho, at matitiyak ang pagkakaroon ng sapat na ikabubuhay ng lahat – kasama na ang matatanda, mga bata, sanggol at may-kapansanan.

Ang sosyalistang edukasyon ay hindi lamang magpapaunlad sa likas na kakayahang ng bawat indibidwal, kundi magpapaunlad rin sa responsibilidad ng bawat isa para sa kanyang kapwa at sa kabuuhan ng lipunan. Ang panlipunang pananaw na ito ang papalit sa kasalukuyang kapitalistang pagka-makasarili, at pagdakila sa yaman, kapangyarihan at luho ng iilan na nakuha lamang naman mula sa panghuhuthot sa nakararami.

Ang paglutas sa ating mga suliranin pambansa ay nangangailangan ng pag-unawa ng lahat sa sosyalismo. Ang pag-aaral at pagpapalaganap sa sosyalismo ay dapat na maging isang pangunahing tungkulin ng SIKAP, upang ang samahan ninyong ito ay manatiling tagapagsulong lagi ng isang mas mahusay na lipunan at isang mas mahusay na daigdig para sa kasunod na mga saling-lahi. Ang kabataan ay laging kilala sa pagkakaroon ng mga bagong perspektiba sa epektibong mga paraan ng pagpapaliwanag sa mga isyu, at ito ay dapat na mapayabong ninyo tungo sa pagbubuo ng mga mapag-akit na paraan ng pag-aadhika sa sosyalismo.

Sa kabilang “red-tagging” na ginagawa ngayon ng mga tauhan ng administrasyong Duterte, ang pag-aadhika at pakikibaka para sa sosyalismo ay dapat nating isulong nang buong tapang. Ito lamang ang paraan upang mapabulaan ang lahat ng kanilang paninira sa konsepto at praktikal na implementasyon ng sosyalismo. Sa bagay na ito, ang sosyalistang sistema sa Cuba ay lagi nating maitatanghal bilang mahusay na panularan ng isang tunay na

makataong lipunan na patuloy na naglilingkod sa kanilang sambayanan at sa mundo. Ito ay sa kabilang lahat ng paghihirap na patuloy na dinaranas ng Cuba dulot ng illegal, immoral at kriminal na blokada ng Estados Unidos sa pangkabuhayan, pampinansiya at pangkalakalang mga larangan. Hindi ito maitatangi ni Pangulong Duterte na ilang beses nang nagpahayag ng mataas na pagtingin sa Cuba. Taun-taon ay bumuboto pa ang administrasyong Duterte sa U.N. General Assembly upang kondenahin ang ginagawang blokeyo ng Estados Unidos laban sa Cuba.

Ang ating pag-aadhika at pakikibaka para sa sosyalismo sa mapayapang paraan ay isang legal na pagkilos, na hindi maaaring iugnay kailanman sa armado at teroristang paraan ng mga maoista. Sa pag-aadhika ng sosyalismo sa mapayapang paraan ay pinaninindigan lamang ng PKP-1930 ang posisyon nito na ang daan tungo sa sosyalismo ay hindi sa pamamagitan ng baliw na pananandata at teroristang pangongotong ng mga maoista na walang anumang suporta mula sa pandaigdigang kilusang komunista. Sa simula pa man, ang militaristang idyolohiyang maoista ay sinuportahan, pinalago, pinalawak at pinaglaruan lamang ng mga ahente dito ng imperyalismong Kano, upang laging magamit ang maoismo bilang pangtapat at panira sa mga tunay na nag-aadhika ng pambansang kalayaan at sosyalismo para sa Pilipinas.

Dapat nating ipagpatuloy ang matatag na pag-aadhika at pakikibaka para sa sosyalismo sa mapayapang paraan, bilang paggamit sa ating karapatan at kalayaang magpanukala sa ating sambayanan ng mga pagbabago tungo sa ating pambansang kalayaan mula sa pangkabuhayang krisis na nag-uugat sa ating neokolonyal na sistemang kapitalista.

Mabuhay ang SIKAP ! Mabuhay ang pakikibaka para sa sosyalismo !

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**Joint Statement of Communist and Workers' Parties :
NO TO PATENTS ON VACCINES AND MEDICAMENTS !**

(Paunawa : Ang pinagkaisahang pahayag na ito ng mga Partido Komunista at Partido ng Manggagawa sa buong daigdig ay tungkol sa nagmamadaling usapin ng paglalantad at paglaban sa hidhid na pagtutubo ng mga monopolistang pharmaceutical companies sa gitna ng pandemya. Ang pagbubuo ng pahayag na ito ay sa inisyatiba ng Partido Komunista ng Turkey.)

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a great tragedy for more than a year now. In this period, in many countries, millions of workers have caught the disease,

losing their health, their jobs or even their lives. On the other hand, in the same time frame, some companies that have sold the essential needs -- food, hygienic materials, masks, anti-pandemic medicaments and finally, vaccines -- as commodities, have become among the wealthiest in the world. The capitalist class has turned the pandemic into an opportunity for the greater exploitation of workers and the people at large, in order to make more profits.

Several vaccines that have been administered since the end of 2020 are developed by pharmaceutical monopolies. There is a substantial level of information on the clinical efficacy and dose intervals of these vaccines. Despite some of them being administered cautiously due to some adverse effects, they can effectively contribute to tackling the pandemic. However, since the administration of the first shot, only around 2.16% of the world's population could have been fully vaccinated.

The main method of combating communicable diseases is widespread, rapid and effective immunization. Unfortunately, capitalism in the 21st century has been incapable of implementing this basic formula for a worldwide infection, as seen in the COVID-19 pandemic. The reasons for this situation are clear : despite all vaccine development studies having been conducted thanks to public funds and the collaborative efforts of thousands of scientists, in the great capitalist powers the final products were seized by pharmaceutical monopolies under the name of intellectual property, or so-called patents.

Today, vaccines can be produced only in a number of countries. While the most powerful imperialist countries are ordering much more vials beyond their needs and getting a larger share on the stocks available now and in the future, tens of countries, mainly the economically less developed, would only be able to vaccinate a small part of their populations in an uncertain future. This is turning a blind eye on the deaths from a preventable cause of the citizens of those countries.

The most dangerous scenario in the case of infectious diseases is the vaccination of a very limited part of the population, which would facilitate the evolution of the virus into variants with more contagious and malevolent properties. This is what is happening right now.

The COVID-19 pandemic will not disappear from the world at once. Moreover, the social and environmental conditions created by capitalism show us that humanity will be facing such epidemics again, though in other ways. The COVID-19 pandemic will also continue until an effective treatment targeting the virus will be found and/or a massive and rapid vaccination will be achieved. And the best-case scenario is that humanity will continue to live with the corona virus with reduced morbidity and mortality. Therefore, it is in the common interest of the working class and the popular strata to struggle for priority to be given to vaccines and treatments against infectious diseases.

Patents or intellectual property rights have had an impact not facilitating the production and rapid distribution of vaccines as required ; on the contrary, they slowed down the immunization of the poor masses.

We therefore cannot leave any issue concerning public health to the "goodwill" of profit-seeking monopolies and the competitions between them.

Taking into account and valuing the actions of solidarity and cooperation, initiatives and efforts developed by some countries, as communist and workers' parties of the world, we are jointly calling for the following :

- The abolition of the so-called intellectual property rights, namely patents, on all COVID-19 vaccines and treatment formulations used or being developed, and the institution of necessary legal regulations for this in all countries.
- Production, distribution and implementation of vaccines must continue entirely by public means, and with the intensification of popular intervention. Public health systems have to be immediately expanded and strengthened.
- We denounce speculation on vaccines. All information on vaccines and treatment formulations should be presented transparently to international scientific organizations. Research in this field should be carried out with the principle of international solidarity and cooperation, not selfish secrecy for profit competition.
- Anti-vaccine campaigns and unscientific disinformation must be decisively addressed.

The peoples must strengthen their struggles for the protection of health. We need to struggle against the interests of the monopolies, which sacrifice human lives for profit !

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AALIS DAW ANG MGA TROPANG KANO SA AFGHANISTAN, PERO MANANATILI NAMAN ANG MGA PRIBADONG “DEFENSE CONTRACTORS”

Noong Setyembre 11 (o "9/11"), 2001, nangyari ang hijacking ng ilang eroplanong sibilyan sa USA, na ginamit upang pabagsakin ang World Trade Center "Twin Towers" sa New York, at ginamit rin daw sa pag-atake sa Pentagon (punong-himpilan ng US Defense Department) sa Washington DC. Ang itinurong may kagagawan ay ang Al-Qaeda, isang teroristang grupo ng mga Saudi Arabians na pinamumunuan noon ni Osama Bin Laden (na kabilang sa royal family ng Kaharian ng Saudi Arabia na kaibigan naman ng pangulo ng USA noon na si George W. Bush). Tatlong araw matapos ng pag-atake, si Senador Joe Biden ay kabilang sa 98 senador na bumoto para sa pandirigma ng USA sa Afghanistan.

Ikinatwiran na kailangang lumusob doon ng mga puwersang Kano upang sugpuin ang mga teroristang Al-Qaeda, na kinakanlong sa Afghanistan ng jihadist na pamahalaang Taliban. May sinasanay daw ang Al-Qaeda sa Afghanistan na mga 20,000 jihadist terrorists mula sa iba't-ibang bahagi ng mundo, na responsible din daw sa pag-atake sa mga embahada ng US sa Kenya at Tanzania noong 1998, na pumatay sa 224 katao na ang karamihan ay mga sibilyang Aprikano.

Sa 20 taon ng US military occupation hanggang ngayon, napahina ngunit hindi natalo ang puwersa ng Taliban, ng Al-Qaeda at iba pang mga grupong jihadist (kasama na ang “Islamic State”) sa Afghanistan. Mahigit 60,000 mga security forces ng pamahalaang papet ng USA ang napatay na, at mga 120,000 na mga sibilyan ang napatay rin. Higit na dami pa ang nasugatan. May 2,300 tropang Kano ang napatay rin, at mahigit 20,000 ang nasugatan. Mahigit 450 na tropa ng Britanya, ilan daang mga tropang Emirati at iba pang nasyunalidad, ang napatay rin. Ang ginastos ng USA sa giyera nito sa Afghanistan sa nakaraang 20 taon ay tinatayang mga USD\$1-Trillion.

Mula sa dating 100,000 na mga tropang Kano, unti-unti itong pinaliit hanggang sa mga 3,500 na lang ang natitira ngayon. Samantala, pinarami naman ang mga mersenaryong “defense contractors” (na karamihan ay mga retiradong tropang Kano), na ngayon ay bumibilang na sa mga 18,000 na mga “kontratista”.

Noong 2020, sa panahon ni Pangulong Donald Trump, nagkaroon ng pakikipag-negosasyon sa Taliban ang pamahalaang Kano at ang papet na pamahalaan nito (na pinamumunuan ngayon ni Pangulong Ashraf Ghani), kung saan ipinangako ng Taliban ang pagtalikod sa terorismo at pagtitigil ng relasyon sa Al-Qaeda, kapalit ng pag-alis ng mga tropang Kano sa taong ito. Nitong Abril 14, ipinahayag ni Pangulong Joe Biden na aalis na ang mga tropang Kano sa Afghanistan simula nitong buwan ng Mayo, at makukumpleto ang pag-alis sa ika-20 anibersaryo ng “9/11”, o sa Setyembre 11 ng taong ito.

Agad nagpahayag ng pagka-dismaya hinggil rito ang Chief of Defense Staff ng Britanya na si Heneral Nick Carter, at gayundin ang ilang pinunong Republikano sa USA, dahil sa pag-alis daw ng mga tropang Kano ay babagsak agad ang pamahalaan ni Ashraf Ghani, at maaagaw muli ng Taliban at iba pang teroristang grupo ang poder. Ang mga pagpupunyagi daw ng pamahalaan ni Ashraf Ghani para magkaroon ng pambansang seguridad, demokratisasyon, at respeto sa karapatan ng kababaihan at ng mga minorities, ay mawawasak lang daw agad ng Taliban. Gayunpaman, mauuna nang aalis ang mga tropa ng Britanya at iba pang bansang kabilang sa NATO, na bumibilang ng mga 6,000 sa kabuuuan.

Ngunit may balak naman ang pamahalaang Kano na patuloy na bigyan ng suporta ang pamahalaan ni Ashraf Ghani (o sinuman ang ipapalit nila dito), sa mga larangan ng intelligence information, paniniktik, “close air support” at medical evacuation. Libo-libong mga pribadong defense contractors and maiiwan, at gayundin ang mga operatiba ng CIA sa loob at labas ng Afghanistan. Bale magpapatuloy ang “outsourcing” at “privatization” ng giyera ng Kano sa Afghanistan, at ang pinakamalaking kumpanyang mersenaryo para dito ay ang

DyneCorp International ng Falls Church, Virginia, USA, na nakatanggap na ng USD\$7-Bilyon para sanayin ang Afghan Army.

Mula 2002 hanggang 2013 ay 69% ng lahat ng funding ng US State Department para sa Afghanistan ang nakuha ng DyneCorp International. Pero handa ring tumulong nang tuwiran ang mga base militar ng Kano sa loob at sa paligid ng Afghanistan. Maraming squadrons ng mga eroplanong pandigma at drones, at daan-daang mga cruise missiles, ang maaari ring gamitin laban sa mga targets sa Afghanistan, mula sa mga aircraft carriers, barko at submarino na nakapaligid sa Afghanistan.

Ang pangmatagalang interes ng USA sa Afghanistan ay batay sa 2007 US Geological Service survey na nakatuklas doon ng mga USD\$1-Trillion na halaga ng mga mineral deposits, tulad ng ginto, cobalt, lithium, tanso at bakal ; at mga USD200-Bilyong halaga ng petrolyo. Hindi tuluyang aalis ang USA sa Afghanistan, dahil sa pakikipag-kumpitensiya ng USA sa Rusya at sa Tsina. Ang Afghanistan ay gagawing daanan ng mga oil pipelines mula Turkmenistan papuntang Indian Ocean, nang hindi na dadaan pa sa Rusya. Ang Tsina naman ay mayroong common border sa Afghanistan, at "nanliligaw" na ngayon sa pamahalaan ni Ashraf Ghani, at maging sa grupong Taliban, upang maipasok ang kanyang mga imperialistang investments. Ang Afghanistan kung gayon ay mananatiling isang larangan ng "pambabakod" ng imperialismong Kano laban sa mga negosyong Tsino at Ruso.

Kalihiman ng Komite Sentral
PKP-1930

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**GREETINGS TO THE 8TH CONGRESS OF THE
PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE CUBA (PCC)**

April 12, 2021

H. E. COMRADE RAUL CASTRO RUZ
First Secretary of the Central Committee
PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE CUBA (PCC)
La Habana, Republic of Cuba

Your Excellency :

The Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) has the honor to send, through your most esteemed office, revolutionary greetings and congratulations to the 8TH Congress of the Partido Comunista de Cuba (PCC) which will be held in Havana on April 16 to 19, 2021.

Cuba remains the best example of socialism in the world, the staunchest example of struggle against imperialism, and the most selfless example of internationalism and humanitarian solidarity. For these reasons, revolutionary parties and movements throughout the world will be keenly observing the daily proceedings of the 8TH Congress of the PCC, to partake of lessons from the PCC's assessments, and draw inspiration for their own national struggles against imperialism.

Cuba's socialist development and attainment of great scientific and socio-cultural advances for the benefit of the people, despite the criminal US blockade, are important confirmations that the socialist system is the only alternative to the capitalist system of crises and barbarism. The past year of the Covid-19 pandemic has clearly shown that capitalist countries, most especially the neo-colonies of imperialism, suffer massive deaths and debilitation, widespread unemployment and socio-economic dislocation, because healthcare and social services for the vast majority of the working peoples cannot be profitable for the capitalists. Socialism, with its constant goal of people's welfare, is the only salvation and future of humanity.

In this regard, we salute Cuba's selfless solidarity with many peoples in need -- the most recent being the assistance rendered for the past year by Cuba's Henry Reeve International Medical Brigade in treating almost a million victims of the Covid-19 pandemic in more than three dozen foreign countries. These, plus the expeditious development of anti-viral treatments and vaccines, are truly outstanding humanitarian achievements of Cuba under the leadership of the PCC.

We are confident that the 8th Congress of the PCC will chart the best road towards further strengthening the unity and revolutionary will of the Cuban people in confronting the criminal blockade and subversive activities of imperialism which have prevented Cuba's attainment of a higher level of productivity and prosperity.

The PCC's staunch defense of independence and sovereignty, and of the right to self-determination of its people, will continue to inspire our Party and all other revolutionary parties and movements worldwide in the struggle against imperialism, and for peace, freedom and socialism. In turn, the PKP-1930 will continue to steadfastly stand in solidarity with the Cuban revolution -- in the struggle to defeat and frustrate every imperialist attempt at intervention and interference ; in the struggle against the criminal US blockade ; and in the struggle for the return to Cuban sovereignty of those parts of Guantanamo where US forces are presently squatting.

Finally, we wish Your Excellency, and all the office-bearers to be elected/re-elected by the 8TH Congress of the PCC, the best of health, greater strength, and every success in carrying the heavy responsibilities of forging more progress and bringing more prosperity and happiness to the Cuban people -- with or without the US blockade.

Long live the Partido Comunista de Cuba ! Long live proletarian internationalism !

With communist greetings,

ANTONIO E. PARIS
General Secretary

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GREETINGS TO THE 18TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

April 20, 2021

The Central Committee
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (CPRF)
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Dear comrades !

The Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) has the pleasure to send revolutionary greetings and congratulations to the 18TH Congress of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) which will be held on April 24, 2021.

Given the great importance of the CPRF in the political life of the Russian Federation and of other countries of the former USSR -- the land of Lenin and the birthplace of socialism -- the attention of communist and workers' parties this coming April 24 will be focused on the assessments in the report to be delivered by the CPRF's 17TH CC, and on the election by your 18TH Congress of a new composition of the 18TH CC and its Presidium.

We extend best wishes for the successful work of your 18th Congress, and hope that this Congress will chart a successful path for greater CPRF advances in the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

Finally, we wish all the office-bearers to be elected/re-elected by your 18TH Congress the best of health and greater strength, as you carry the heavy responsibility of bringing back socialism for the liberation, prosperity and happiness of all the working peoples of the Russian Federation.

Long live the Communist Party of the Russian Federation ! Long live proletarian internationalism !

With Communist greetings,

ANTONIO E. PARIS
General Secretary

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**MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE ON THE 109TH BIRTH
ANNIVERSARY OF DPRK FOUNDING PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG**

April 12, 2021

His Excellency
COMRADE KIM JONG UN
General Secretary, WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA (WPK)
President of the State Affairs, DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK)
Pyongyang, DPRK

Your Excellency :

Through your most esteemed office, the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) sends its remembrance and homage to the Founding President of the DPRK, KIM IL SUNG, on his 109th Birth Anniversary this coming April 15th.

We fondly remember him as the organizer and leader of the armed struggle against Japanese colonialism during the first half of the 20th century, the founding leader of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) in 1945 and of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in 1948, the leader of the Korean people's resistance against US aggression and occupation during the early 1950s, a leader of the Non-Aligned Movement in the 1960s, and the author of the Juche idea which continues to guide the victorious advance of the Korean people towards socialism. He truly is the Great Leader of the Korean people, and his theories and exploits inspire revolutionaries everywhere.

President KIM IL SUNG will always be admired for charting an independent foreign policy, a self-sufficient socialist economy, and a self-reliant defense capability to firmly safeguard the security of the people from the nuclear threat and military aggression of US imperialism. His theses for the peaceful and independent reunification of Korea continues to inspire the Korean and other peoples in the struggle for the removal of all US military bases and forces from East Asia and the Pacific.

With communist greetings,

ANTONIO E. PARIS
General Secretary

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MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA

April 26, 2021

Under the authorization of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), I deeply thank you for your message of remembrance and congratulation extended to H.E. KIM JONG UN, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the DPRK, on the occasion of the 109th birth anniversary of the Great Leader Kim Il Sung.

Please accept, Mr. General Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

KIM JE BONG
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Kingdom of Thailand

To : MR. ANTONIO E. PARIS
General Secretary
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