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Communist Party of Turkey - TKP

Dear Comrades:

On behalf of the Central Committee and membership of the Communist Party of Canada we extend deepest sympathies and solidarity to all of comrades of the Turkish Communist Party, and to the people of Turkey at this terrible time of catastrophic death, injury and destruction resulting from Monday's earthquakes and numerous aftershocks.

We understand that this terrible tragedy is worsened by the winter conditions and by the government's disorganization and inability to meet the crisis with clear and decisive action. In sharp contrast the TKP's decisive and rapid action has undoubtedly saved many lives and won the support and admiration of working people across Turkey.

While government aid and assistance is being mobilized across Canada today for the Turkish victims of the quake, it does not include aid for the people of Syria who are also victims of the earthquake, and of a 10 year war by the imperialist aggressors, and a continuing economic blockade and sanctions that are deliberately withholding aid and assistance to the Syrian people today. We demand Canadian and international aid for both Turkey and Syria now, and in addition, the immediate lifting of the imperialist economic blockade and sanctions on Syria.

In unity and solidarity,

Liz Rowley
Leader, Communist Party of Canada