

Invitation to the International Meeting in Thessaloniki on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the imperialist intervention in Yugoslavia

The Communist Party of Greece (marxist-leninist), on the occasion of the 10th anniversary since the waging of the NATO military, imperialist intervention against former Yugoslavia and the bombardment against Serbia, in May 1999, is organising a multipartite international meeting of communist parties and organizations from the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean. The aim is to exchange views on the international situation and seek ways to consolidate international solidarity and the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples in the region.

Ten years after the fierce bombings against the people of Serbia and the imperialist intervention in Kosovo, the Balkans remain the stage of intensive imperialist rivalries and foreign intervention. The recognition of Kosovo paved the way for the re-mapping of the borders in the Balkans, which generates new serious dangers to peace and the future of the Balkan peoples. The policy of NATO expansion is on the same direction as the entrance of new countries in this imperialist coalition which will celebrate its 60th anniversary this spring. The peoples of the Balkans are constantly and seriously affected by the imperialist intervention and NATO custody.

The war developments in Georgia, the installation of the US anti-missile shield in Eastern Europe, the strong military mobilization in the Black Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean strongly indicate that the imperialist rivalry generates dangers for all peoples and their right to live in safety and peace. The recent criminal attack of Israel against the Gaza Strip and the mass slaughter of the Palestinian people underline the necessity for building a strong solidarity front internationally in support of the just struggle of the Palestinians for free Palestine.

There is no other alternative than building a strong anti-imperialist common front of peoples and their movements, independent of imperialist and bourgeois chauvinist, nationalist custody. its aim would be to oust the imperialist military and political presence from the region. Communists and all progressive and peace loving people should play the leading role in this by coordinating their steps and their struggle and by building bonds of international solidarity and cooperation for joined action common activity.

We hope that this meeting will contribute to this direction, along with the exchange of views and ideas. Our intention is to contribute to building an international anti-war, anti-imperialist front that will take initiatives of action and mobilization of the working and people's forces.

In this context, we invite you to participate in the International Meeting in Thessaloniki, on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 of March 2009. During these two days a multipartite meeting will take place (with all the participants), and there will be a chance for bilateral meetings and exchange of views. An open debate with the topic "Developments in the Balkans and the region-the imperialist intervention and the answer of the peoples" will also take place.

This meeting is also supported by ILPS (International League of People's Struggle) which rallies more than two hundreds social, union and anti-imperialist organizations from all over the world as well as anti-imperialist and anti-war commissions from various cities of Greece.

CPG (m-l) will provide the accommodation of delegations. We would expect that you confirm your participation and the number of delegates within 15 days most, in order to make preparations on time. English will be the basic language used in the meeting, but there will also be translations in German, Italian and Spanish.

The program of the meeting is as follows:

SATURDAY 21/3/2009

10.00 am -14.00 pm.: Meeting of delegations and discussion about the situation in Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean; the imperialist intervention and information about the anti-imperialist movement in every country.

19.00 pm.: Open debate with the topic: “10 years since the imperialist intervention in Yugoslavia, the peoples’ struggle against imperialism in the Balkans and the world”.

(The allocated time is 15 minutes. It will be a real help if you send your contribution in time, in order to have them translated and distributed to the people attending).

SUNDAY 22/3/2009

10.00 am.: Meeting of delegations about the anti-imperialist coordination and joined action. Discussion about a common declaration/communique statement of the meeting.

Meeting procedures and the open debate will take place within the university campus of Thessaloniki.

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