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The Communist Party of the Philippines ardently salutes the brilliant victory of the people's uprising that ousted the much-despised and rotten Estrada regime. More than anything, it is the people's heroism that swiftly removed Estrada from Malacañang.

EDSA 2, like EDSA 1, is a victorious people's struggle that is worthy of praise. Nonetheless, the people strongly desire that there be no more reprises of their frustration over the changes promised by EDSA 1.

The masses who fearlessly advanced to topple Estrada will not be satisfied with mere pretenses and tokenisms. It is completely within their rights to demand that the Macapagal-Arroyo government seriously uphold national and social change.

It is the Macapagal-Arroyo government's responsibility to put the people's agenda at the center of its governance, especially those changes that the extremely impoverished and oppressed masses have long been fighting for. Among these are the following:

1. Immediate prosecution of Estrada and his cronies for plunder and other crimes. Recovery of their ill-gotten wealth in order to fund programs that are genuinely for the poor.
2. Thoroughgoing and sincere campaign against graft and corruption in government.

3. Immediate remedies and long-term improvement of employment, wages, housing and social services for the poor in the cities and countryside.
4. Genuine land reform for the peasant masses.
5. Repeal of the policies of denationalization, deregulation, liberalization, contractualization, casualization and other forms of enslavement resulting from imperialist globalization.
6. Repudiation of militarization, militarism and total war. Sincere pursuit of peace talks between the GRP and the NDFP, which were sabotaged by the Estrada regime.
7. Justice for victims of militarization, militarism and total war. Release of all political prisoners.
8. Abrogation of the Visiting Forces Agreement and opposition to US intervention in the country's internal affairs.

Despite Estrada's ouster, the chronic socio-economic crisis of the semicolonial and semifeudal ruling system continues. It is this crisis, aside from the extreme avarice and arrogance of the Estrada faction that is behind the crisis and overthrow of Estrada after a mere two and a half years.

The Communist Party and New People's Army continue, and are further determined, to advance the people's democratic revolution and people's war until total victory. Alongside, we are likewise further determined to unite and cooperate with all democratic, progressive and sincere forces, groups and elements to fight for the Filipino people's national and democratic welfare.

Long live the heroic Filipino people!

Continue the struggle until genuine democracy, national freedom and progress are achieved!

Advance the people's democratic revolution to total victory!

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