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Révolutionnaire de France

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"Timely messages of the October Revolution in our contemporary struggle for socialism under conditions of October Revolution in our contemporary struggle for socialism imperialist war"

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Dear friends and comrades,

The Revolutionary Communist Party of France would first like to thank the Communist Party of Greece for organizing this important event today and for inviting our young party to participate.

Dear friends and comrades,

On November 7, 1917, in Petrograd, the revolution triumphed. The Second Congress of Soviets proclaimed the socialist character of the revolution and adopted the Decree on Land and the Decree on Peace. The Great October Revolution is immensely important in history in many respects. It marked a radical turning point from the old capitalist world to the new socialist world. The October Revolution differs fundamentally from all previous revolutions. Its goal was not to replace one form of exploitation with another, one group of exploiters with another, but to destroy all exploitation of man by man, to abolish all groups of exploiters, to establish the power of the most revolutionary class of all the oppressed classes that had existed until then, and to organize a new classless socialist society.

Today, the October Revolution also provides us communists with lessons and insights on the question of revolution in the conditions of imperialist war.

First and foremost, the October Revolution teaches us the necessity of a new type of party, a party capable of fulfilling its vanguard role under all conditions. The Communist Party differs fundamentally from all bourgeois parties, including the social-democratic parties that betrayed the October Revolution during the First Imperialist World War, in several respects.

First, in the constant combination of legal and illegal methods of work since the party's founding. The Bolsheviks organized many important meetings clandestinely when Kerensky's bourgeois government outlawed the Bolshevik Party because of its agitation against the war and its causes.

Today, at a time when the Communist Party of Venezuela is undergoing continuous persecution by the government of Nicolas Maduro in a situation of threat of imperialist military intervention, or when the imperialist EU supports the persecution of communists in Poland, the Bolsheviks remind us that fighting in conditions of war requires long preparation to combine legality and illegality.

This first aspect of Lenin's party calls for a second, that of linking work in non-revolutionary conditions with work in revolutionary conditions. In non-revolutionary conditions, the bourgeois class maintains political and ideological domination over the working class and other popular strata, and this domination is all the stronger as international capital forms coalitions through alliances such as those that exist today with NATO and the EU. Unlike the revolutionary situation, where the fundamental task is to direct the political struggle towards the overthrow of bourgeois power, in non-revolutionary conditions, the fundamental task is the overall ideological, political, and organizational strengthening of the Communist Party, as well as the quantitative and qualitative strengthening of the leading forces of the working class and the popular forces that rally around the party thanks to the impact of the communists' intervention during various electoral periods, military interventions, or social offensives, to always think of the revolutionary goal even when it is far away, to link each daily struggle to the general struggle against capitalism, the source of all evils.

Finally, Lenin's party was able to lead the working class against war and for revolution because of its connection to the masses and their experience. We think of the Bolsheviks' ability to connect with the workers' and soldiers' soviets during the social crisis that matured during the imperialist world war.

Dear friends and comrades.

Lenin's party and the October Revolution remind us that in conditions of imperialist war, it is the autonomy of our class that is decisive in all respects, not alliances with bourgeois forces.

Today, opportunism continues the legacy of the social democrat Kautsky, which consists of separating the foreign and military policies of capitalist states from their economic class aims. Through this separation, the analysis of revolutionary conditions and war is replaced by bourgeois geopolitics of choosing to support one bourgeoisie or another, selling the political autonomy of our class to one or more ruling classes. This is the Kautskyist vision of "spheres of influence," a vision of a struggle "at the top" that pits only states against each other, a conception of international relations that ignores, in practice, class struggles and contradictions. Marxist-Leninists, on the contrary, fight the entire capitalist-imperialist system by fighting their own monopolies. The Communist Party (Bolshevik) is a model to follow in terms of its ability to use inter-imperialist

contradictions to the benefit of the revolutionary cause, without ever surrendering their independence to their bourgeoisie or any other.

Dear friends and comrades,

How to make socialism a reality—the Bolsheviks showed the whole world. Far from invalidating the immense contribution of October 1917, the USSR, and its revolutionary principles, the bourgeois counterrevolution in the USSR demonstrates, on the contrary, their importance for liberating humanity, with the revolutionary class struggle at its center, non-participation in bourgeois government, and the absence of transitional forms of power between capitalism and socialism. the need to overthrow (break) the bourgeois state in order to build its own proletarian state, to socialize the economy with centralized planning that puts an end to competition and the anarchy of capitalist production. A revolution is possible in a single country or a series of countries, capable of using wars and the weak links of imperialism to build, first on a national basis, socialism, the first stage of world communism.

Dear friends and comrades,

Against French monopolies and their imperialist alliances, against the EU, NATO, and capitalism!

Money for health and education, not for guns!

Yes to meeting the needs of the people, no to war credits!

Against the high cost of living, shortages, down with speculators and war profiteers!

No wars between peoples, no peace between classes!

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