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Dear friends, comrades

We are particularly happy to welcome you all in today's celebration of honor and duty in Peace and Friendship's Stadium.

We salute particularly the delegations of Communist and Workers Parties from the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Persian Gulf region that are accompanying us tonight.

We express our solidarity to all the peoples that struggle! In particular, to the Palestinian people, that struggles against the Israeli Occupation, of the Syrian people, that resists the years-long imperialist intervention, to all the people of our region.

100 years ago, the ice has been broken, the road is open, the way has been shown.

We honor and we are inspired by the struggle of millions of workers and poor peasants that proved that capitalist barbarism can be overthrown and that pre-capitalist backwardness can be uprooted.

Great October proved that capitalism is not invincible!

That the people can build a superior formation of society, without exploitation of man by man.

The historically ascending force, the working class, with its revolutionary movement can lead the cause of social progress, of the transition from the old mode of production and social organization, the capitalist mode, to the new, the only one that is promising for humanity, the communist one.

The October Revolution is neither an accident of history, nor a Bolshevik coup d'état, as the capitalists declare and write, nor immature and early, as all kinds of apostates and oportunist-adventurists declare and write.

That is exactly why, all the political forces, the governments, the institutes – Greek and international -, publishing houses, mass media are occupied with it, devoting a plethora of articles, full of slandering and enmity.

The October Revolution has been the climactic world-historic event of the 20th century that sounded the start of the era when the working class would become the protagonist of the developments and would push forward the wheel of history, taking over the power and organizing the new socialist-communist relations of production, reforming the whole society.

“The steel is hardened in the deep cold and in the burning fire. That is how our generation was hardened and learned not to surrender”, wrote Ostrofsky.

The October Revolution gave impulse to the international revolutionary movement and filled with optimism the struggle of the peoples around the world, accelerated the process for the founding of a series of communist parties.

Our Party is a product of the revolutionary flame of October.

In a few days we will welcome year 2018, year of climax for the celebration of the 100 years of the honored and heroic Communist Party of Greece.

We are proud of every moment of our heroic activity.

We feel justified pride, because 26 years ago, on the 28th of December of 1991, the day that the red flag was being pulled down from the Kremlin, Rizospastis, the press organ of the CC of the KKE published its historic front page:

“Comrades, hold the flag high! Hope lies in the peoples’ struggle!”

That’s the flag that we hold high!

The flag the Bolsheviks waved 46 years after the “assault to the skies” of the heroic Paris Commune and managed to reach the victory!

They succeeded to it, because with the determined contribution of Lenin, they did continuous theoretical and political work in elaborating and developing of the strategy, they were building the party in line with the principles of the Party of New Type.

Because they did a serious effort to deepen and visualize the rapid changes in the correlations of the enemy classes, as well as of the influence inside the working class.

The Bolsheviks succeeded because they were steeled in conditions of conflict, of ideological, political and organizational separation from the forces of opportunism.

Because in every turn of development of the class struggle, they showed an uncanny ability of expressing their strategy with the necessary politics, with alliances, slogans, maneuvers, as well as to-the-point confrontation with the opportunists.

Because with their activity for the change of the correlation of forces in favor of the movement, of the revolution, they were consolidating the revolutionary ties with the workers' - people's forces without subjecting themselves to the difficulties that they faced in their action, such as state and paramilitary violence.

The Bolsheviki won because they worked with patience, with courage, primarily because they worked with a plan of political, organizational and military preparation for the revolt in conditions of revolutionary situation.

Dear comrades,

We hold up high the flag of revolutionary struggle.

In our 20th Congress we placed the marker even higher, we put the urgent duty of consolidating the KKE.

A strong KKE so that our party becomes capable, as a party of social overthrow, to succeed in his historical vanguard role, utilizing and deepening the contradictions and antitheses of the capitalist system with the class struggle.

A Party able to lead the struggle of the working class and of the whole people, for the regroupment of workers' trade-union movement, for the forward push of the social alliance in an antimonopoly – anticapitalist direction, against imperialist war, for the working class power.

We do not transfer the duty of strengthening the Party to the generations to follow.

It is a duty that has already been put forward in front of the whole Party.

To the Party that today can, and must, prepare ideologically and politically, in every aspect.

To the Party that today can, and must, armor itself, develop its organization with new forces, rejuvenating continuously its lines.

Friends and comrades,

The working class has proved that it can, it has the ability and possibility, as the only truly revolutionary class, to bring about its historical mission, to lead the cosmogonia of the building of socialism-communism.

Our eyes, our mind and our way of thinking, are not blurred by the counter-revolution and the overthrows that took place.

That is why, today, our priority is the regroupmen of the working class movement from the situation of recession that is in today, that today more and more workers realize who is the real enemy and where their struggle should be directed to.

Our priority is that every day more and more workers take place in the organization of the struggle so that the whole movement passes to the = counter-attack, to prepare for the confrontation with capital and its power.

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We continue to struggle as the vanguard force that understands the need for a complete overthrow of the capitalist power and pursues the aim that the struggle is directed towards the same goal.

This vanguard activity can contribute to the strengthening of the struggles that will become every day more massive and will take up more permanent, stable antimonopoly-anticapitalist characteristics, as more ample worker and popular masses understand that class struggle does not end in shameful compromises.

These struggles that have results when it is realized that every secondary issue is connected with the strategic choices of the capitalist policy, that immediate, permanent and essential solutions for the workers' problems cannot exist, truly, in the obsolete capitalist system.

The pursuit of such, supposedly immediate political solutions, has had a terrible cost in all the previous years, particularly in the 9 years of crisis: the achievements were crushed, 4 memoranda were applied, tremendous let-down, huge expectations and a gigantic fall-back in all aspects.

Today, there is already experience and must be used.

No struggle gains class orientation, stability and endurance, when the worker adopts the aims of the capital, of the national and international bourgeoisie for "bigger competitiveness", as its own.

When he deposits his hopes, even of a breath of relief, to the mockery of the so called "fair development" of Mr. Tsipras or the so-called "viable development" of Mr. Mitsotakis, and of their rotating smaller government partners.

Not only because he falls into the trap of capitalist development and of exploitation that all of them are promising.

But also because he is disarmed beforehand, he gives in to a system that is unjust, exploitative, oppressive without a struggle.

Every struggle so that the worker, the employee, recover what they have lost in the years of crisis, will be an empty word, as far as they continue to believe that better days will come along with the capitalist investments that are actually gorging on their blood!

They want to make us see the workers' rights and the achievements that the trade-union movement had in the past as an obstacle, as "inflexibilities of the past"! This is what the Hellenic Federations of Enterprises says because it serves its interests, the EU, the IMF that are sucking our blood for years now.

They want the people's movement to consent only for new privileges and support to the capitalists, that of course, will be stolen out of our pocket, out of the exploitation of the working class.

The difficult struggle of class confrontation, the struggle for worker rights, for Collective Contracts, the just demands of the workers can have no real results, when the workers give their consent more or less to the government, to the political staff of the bosses...

When the workers are not become indignant, when they do not abandon them, when they watch Mr. Tsipras, as a bag-man of the capitalist enterprises talking

on behalf of the workers – of course – and calling the capitalist factory “our factory”, while at the same time that he is preparing a law to essentially ban strikes! Accompanied in all these by Mr. Mitsotakis or Mrs. Gennimata who totally agree with him, as the first that applied these politics...

The highlighting of the need of a workers' administration, of a people's power, by the KKE, as the rival awe against the capitalist barbarism, minimizes the difficulties in developing the struggle, minimizes the possibility of the bourgeois parties to manipulate the people's indignation, using the false dilemmas of “bankruptcy”, of “political instability”, or the scarecrow of “entering in adventures”.

Only the highlighting of this realistic perspective can make it difficult to the various bourgeois parties, to the corrupt system and its staff in general, to subjugate the working class every time to the so-called “national”, namely classist, anti-people, objectives of the ruling class.

And this can contribute so that more workers today realize more generally that the capitalist property and the exploitation of the totality of the wealth of the country are the fundamental obstacles to a humane life of the working class and popular families, to the satisfaction of their real needs.

To put in the focus of the struggle not only what they lost during the years of the crisis, but also the demand of the modern popular needs, on the basis of what the people needs in order to live with dignity, based on the immense potential that today's science, productivity, technology, and developments in all fields offer.

It is crucial the working men and women, the self-employed in the cities and villages, not to be apologetic towards the political vagabonds, because during the past years, we enjoyed somewhat better living conditions, because we could - those that could – build a house, send our children to college, buy a car, work under better conditions with the expectation that at some future moment we will be able to enjoy what our work would have given us and later, as pensioners, with a decent pension for our medication, for our days of rest, for buying a present to our grandchildren for the New Year that comes.

That the unemployed who finds a work with a fixed day contract, with 300 to 400 euros, does not legalize in its conscience, does not justify the jungle of salaried work, does not become subservient to those that throw him bread crumbs, when they do not even know what they possess.

The decision to remove the fundamental obstacle from the way, namely capitalist property and the profit of the few, can become our own decision, can become the will of the worker-people's majority.

Dear Friends and Comrades,

In order to assert the power, the working class must form its own social alliance with the poor peasants, the oppressed strata of the city.

With the struggle of the Bolsheviks, it became possible, that the poor peasantry ally with the revolutionary vanguard of the working class. That alliance came up victorious, the alliance of all the oppressed with which the soldiers sided, the sons of the people that where serving in the war.

This experience confirms that the hope, the alternative are not to be found in the "summit" agreements but in the alliance of all the oppressed, in the movement, where all can meet together and walk towards the road of conflict in order to really ascend to power.

The experience of October has confirmed that the working class due to its position in capitalist production is objectively the only revolutionary class, the builder of the socialist-communist society and consequently the leading force in relation to the rest of the popular forces.

Only the working class movement can assume complete revolutionary characteristics, can transform into a revolutionary movement.

Our proposal of the social alliance corresponds to the effort that the popular strata, through the struggle, as potential allies of the working class, and their respective movements, to be pulled more or less actively in the revolutionary struggle, or to become neutralized.

The Social Alliance that the KKE is proposing, in anticapitalist-antimonopoly direction, has to do with social forces, namely, the working class, the salaried employees of the public sector, the self-employed professionals, small craftsmen, small tradesmen, scientists, self-employed farmers.

It has to do with the bigger part of these social forces independently of their gender, age, nationality. The Social Alliance particularly includes in its ranks the radical women's movement, as well as the young men and women, children of the people, university students, high school students.

The Social Alliance has characteristics of mass movement in the direction of counter-attack, rupture and overthrow.

It has a proposal of administration – power, out of the bounds of the bourgeois administration or of governments of bourgeois management. Namely, out of the bounds of the political power of the capital.

Today in Greece the struggle for the social alliance is expressed through the important activity of PAME, of the rest of the radical antimonopoly-anticapitalist rallies, on the grounds of the movement in work places, places of education, in the working class and people's neighborhoods.

Of course, today, the form that this alliance has achieved, its scope, reflects a particular correlation of forces in the particular moment-phase and not a static configuration.

The Social Alliance is not a multi-party collaboration, neither a collaboration of the KKE with mass organizations.

The KKE takes part in these movements through its members that act inside its lines and in its organs of struggle, having as forms of organization the trade-union, the general assembly, the associations, the committees of struggle, the people's committees.

With its action, the KKE poses a question:

Which is the political line that can really respond to the people's problems?

In favor of the monopolies or against their dominance?

With the power of the monopolies, of the capital or with the power of the working people, of the creator of all the wealth of the society?

We firmly believe that the workers and people's forces, through the experience that they gain by participating in the organization of the struggle in a direction of rupture with the capital's strategy, will be convinced for the need that their organization and opposition assume an all around character and using any possible form of struggle against the economic and political dominance of the capital.

Friends and Comrades,

October practically confirmed that the struggle for the exit of the imperialist war is inextricably connected with the struggle for worker's power, and this strategy of the Bolsheviks was confirmed 100 years ago.

That is the experience that we want to discuss, particularly today that the contradictions, the antagonisms, among powerful forces of the international capitalist establishment pass through our region: the Balkans, the Aegean Sea, the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

In the focus of the antagonism there are the routes of transport of energy and commodities between monopoly groups of powerful imperialist states, regarding which will prevail in the share that is already developing in our country.

We have already said that the Greek bourgeois class, through the SYRIZA-ANEL government, is claiming share, selling the new dangerous "great idea", of the so-called "geostrategic upgrading of the country" in the context of NATO.

We warn: It is only an upgrading of the geostrategic implication of the Greek ruling class in wars and interventions in the area, in missions of Greek troops out

of the national borders, in upgrading the US death-dealing bases, including the ones that host nuclear weapons.

And this is what the SYRIZA-ANEL government sold during the recent visit of Tsipras in the USA, apart from praises for Trump.

We watched unfortunately, a self-proclaimed "left" Prime-Minister, from international political peddler, assuming the role of jester and fool and proceeding to the biggest rinsing of US imperialism.

Exactly what all the old Greek governments that adopted the Truman dogma and administrated the Marshall plan, would be jealous of!

That's what we had to watch: a phony left that even the leader of New Democracy is jealous of!

And of course, the same goes to Hitler's orphans, the murderers of Pavlos Fyssas, criminals under convict that have sat comfortably in the balconies of bourgeois power, bullying the innocent and the weak, while they transform into lap-dogs and sign declarations against the hooked-cross inked on their arms.

Dear friends,

It is high time that all of us reached essential conclusions from this steep downward spiral.

We particularly address to all of you that some years ago trusted SYRIZA.

To you, who are still feeling leftists, progressive, that marched against the bombings in Yugoslavia, in Irak, in Afghanistan, in Libya, in Syria, demanding that Greece left NATO, that the US military bases close.

To all of you who do not tolerate the praises of Tsipras to Trump that "seems diabolic" but he is doing so for our "good", as Tsipras claimed.

To all of you whom the government, after a month, has not yet informed on the treaties and the commitments it has undertaken in the USA.

One thing is certain: the Greek government agreed on the expansion and upgrading of the military bases, in Suda, in Araxos, in Preveza and on the construction of new ones as in the port of Alexandroupolis. They signed the upgrading of the F-16 aircrafts, which involves the offensive operations of NATO, where Greece is directly involved and for which our already wounded people will have to pay another 2,4 billion.

That is why our people must be vigilant and prepared.

So that the slogan “no land, no water to the peoples’ murderers” becomes reality.

So that our people does not take a position “under foreign banners”, does not shed its blood for foreign interests.

In the case of a more direct participation of Greece in an imperialist war, the working class should chart its own struggle along with the popular strata and their movement, in order to defend the territorial integrity of the country and in order for the people to win against the bourgeois power of exploitation and of wars or of the so-called peace with the peoples’ at gun-point.

Dear friends and comrades,

Today, 100 years after the October Revolution, almost 30 years after the overthrow of socialism in the USSR and the rest of the socialist countries, we insist: Socialism is timely and necessary.

The necessity and timeliness of socialism, the possibility of the abolition of private property in the concentrated means of production stem from the capitalist development that leads to concentrated production.

The modern capitalist property cancels the possibility that all workers lived in better socially organized conditions that could correspond to the expanding popular needs.

That is where answers to many questions can be found:

Why there cannot be work for all, so that everyone will live without the nightmare of unemployment?

Why the people cannot work for less hours and enjoy a higher living standard?

Why our children cannot enjoy a high level exclusively public Education without cost, and all of us enjoy health-care services and prevention?

Why the cities and neighborhoods of Western Attika, of other regions in the country are flooded by rain and we pay a heavy toll of human lives and properties of a life-time?

The answer is that it is the obstacle of capitalist property, that defines with the criterion of profit of what and how it will be produced, which infrastructure will be constructed and which not.

That is the fundamental reason that the needs of the working class and of the popular strata are being crushed for.

And this is valid for the whole capitalist world, even for the most developed capitalist states.

Which government, out of the ones that have been named left, progressive, could resolve the working class' and people's problems?

The government of SYRIZA in our country is a typical example.

The works and the administration of the SYRIZA government, are the works and administration of a bourgeois social-democrat government, that in the end of the day is an organ of the capitals power and that is that, independently of the will, the name, the faces, the language used, the slogans.

Our future is not rotten capitalism, but the new world, socialism!

Dear friends

Socialism in the 20th century proved its superiority in comparison with capitalism, the immense advantages that provides for the work and the life of the workers.

The Soviet Union and the international socialist system comprised the only true counter-weight to imperialist aggression.

The role of the Soviet Union in the Antifascist Victory of the People, during the 2nd World War, has been determinant. USSR contributed decisively in the abolition of the colonial system.

The socialist states gave historical examples of internationalist solidarity to the peoples that were struggling against exploitation, foreign occupation and imperialist interventions.

The achievements of the workers in the socialist states, for many decades, served as a point of reference and contributed to the conquests of the working class and people's movement of the capitalist states.

The abolition of the capitalist relations of production freed man from the shackles of salaried slavery, opened the road for the production and the development of science aiming at the satisfaction of the people's needs.

Thus, everyone had guaranteed work, public and without cost medical health-care and Education, cheap services from the state, house, access to intellectual and cultural creation.

The complete disappearance of illiteracy, in correlation with the increase of the general level of education and specialization, the disappearance of unemployment are unique socialist achievements.

The cultural revolution, as an integral element of the socialist construction gave the possibility to the workers to come to know the achievements of human civilization. The non-working time expanded, its content changed. It became time for the development of the cultural and educational level of the workers, for the strengthening of their participation in the workers' power and in the control of the administration of the productive units.

Social Security of the workers was a top priority of the socialist state. A universal pension system was created, having as a great achievement the low age limit for

pensions (55 for women, 60 for men). The expenses for pensions comprised an element of the central planning of economy.

The socialist power set the bases for the abolition of the inequality of woman, overcoming the tremendous difficulties that objectively existed. It guaranteed in practice the social character of motherhood, the social care for children.

It guaranteed for women equal rights with men in the economic, political and cultural sector, even though not all forms of unequal relations between the two genders had been yet abolished, relations that have been established during a very long course.

The dictatorship of the proletariat, the revolutionary workers' power, as a state expressing the interests of the social majority of the exploited and not of the social minority of the exploiters, was proved to have been a democracy of a higher level.

For the first time in history, and for a long time, it presented the possibility that the production unit be the core of democracy, with the representative participation of the workers in the power and its administration, the possibility to elect and recall the representatives of the workers in the higher bodies of power. October revolution, the workers' power pulled the masses out of the margins of society.

It inaugurated the process of equality between nations and nationalities, in the context of a huge multinational state and provided orientation for the resolution of the national issue with the abolition of national oppression in all its forms and manifestations.

The achievements that doubtlessly were marked in the socialist states, in comparison with their starting point, but also in comparison with the life of the workers in the capitalist world, demonstrate that in socialism the possibilities for continuous leaping progress of the social well-being and multifaceted development of man are inherent.

The historically new is that development had to do with all the masses, in contradiction with capitalist development that is connected to exploitation and social injustice.

The potential of socialist construction, the superiority of socialism over capitalism becomes apparent when we think about about the socialist construction in the USSR, that was developing in conditions of imperialist strategic encirclement, of great destruction, obstacles and threats, of Cold War.

The loss of the potential of the socialist construction from a point and on does not justify in any case capitalism and its apologists.

Dear friends

Today, it is us that we must open up the discussion regarding the truly "modern and new", the old and obsolete, what should have moved forward more

consciously, more decisively, for the irreversible victory of communism. That is how we also neutralize the anticommunist poison.

And this is a discussion that we must do with our children and our grandchildren, that were born after the overthrow of socialism, that will never learn or will learn with distortions through what the various staff of the system will serve them.

It is from us that will hear the truth about the positive and the negative sides; about the forward leaps but also about the shortcomings; about the victories and successes and about the errors and omissions.

Only with the creative and objective explanation of the past we will be able to energetically face the present and open up the road to the victorious future.

Today, what is truly "modern and new" is the people to enjoy the wealth that it is producing, that the achievements of science and technology, all the possibilities that the working class is creating with its labor to be used so that we work in better conditions, with less general working time but with a labor income and social services that will guarantee a vastly better standard of living.

Modern and new, today, is to take measures of anti-flood and anti-seismic, anti-incendiary protection, is to protect the popular families from extreme weather conditions.

Today, the modern and new is the new society, socialism, where the power lays with the working class.

The workers' power socializes, namely transforms into property of the whole society, of all the workers, the concentrated means of production, and hence abolishes the source of exploitation. That is the only way to once and for all expunge the economic crises.

All the economic tools come under the service of the people. The mineral wealth, the infrastructure and machinery of industry, energy, telecommunications, transportation, commerce, land, industrialized agricultural and livestock production become social property. The natural resources become social property, the commerce becomes state-owned. With these tools the new power can plan centrally its economy, galvanize the development of the sectors of economy, of the peripheries.

That is exactly why it can abolish all the unemployed, can guarantee the right to work. To abolish economic activity in health-care and prevention, to develop an exclusively free public system of health-care-prevention, to develop people's culture and sports.

In can develop agricultural production next to the socialized sector of economy, organizing firstly a transitional form of productive cooperatives, provide the people with enough healthy food products and provide industry with raw materials.

In can shape the conditions to expunge the causes of women inequality and support the relations between the two genders with complete infrastructures,

their willingness to form a family, without any economic motive, protecting motherhood, the children, the elderly.

The workers' power, disentangling our country from the shackles of EU and NATO, will intend to develop interstate relations with mutual benefit, among Greece and other countries, particularly with countries that their level of development, the nature of their problems and of their immediate interests can guarantee such a beneficial cooperation.

The working class of Greece is not alone. The workers of the whole world are on its side.

Our slogan is "Proletarians of all countries, unite!"

Dear comrades,

The revolution, the workers' power and the communist conscience go hand in hand.

The organs of power are founded under the responsibility of the Communist Party in the workplaces, having the assembly of the workers as their core, electing and recalling their representatives to the organs, from the bottom to the top.

In the elected organs of power participate representatives of the workers in the productive units, and the participation of cooperativists, students, pensioners will be guaranteed.

Even in the higher organ of power for the whole country, the elected representatives will not be permanent but recallable.

That is real democracy with established rights for the working class and the people; not today's democracy of manipulation, of state repression measures, of court procedures against farmers and students, of wire-tapping and spying-on by Greek and foreign agencies with the participation and guidance of the governments.

All these reasons converge so that we justly claim that capitalism is the Yesterday, the old.

Socialism is the Tomorrow, the new.

We strengthen the KKE for a strong working class movement and strong social alliance, for socialism.

As Mayakovsky wrote:

"We, each one of us, hold in our fists the driving belts of the worlds!"

The era of socialist revolutions is ahead of us.

The dashing entry of the working class and popular forces in the revolutionary struggle will sweep away sooner or later capitalist barbarism, imperialism aggressiveness.

October illuminates the struggle of the peoples, socialism is a necessity of our times.