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KKE: struggle against fear and illusions

The capitalist crisis of overproduction and capital over-accumulation in Greece has a negative impact on the working class, the popular strata and shows the barbarity of the exploitative system.

The bourgeois political landscape which has been formed over the last 35 years is being reshaped with the aim of the more effective management of the crisis and the system in favour of the monopolies. The collapse of the basic social democratic party, of PASOK, which participates in the coalition government along with the liberal New Democracy, led to the transformation of the opportunist SYRIZA into a main "pillar" of the emerging social democracy and to the emergence of other parties that support a "left" management of the system such as Democratic Left.

The shrinkage of ND led to the emergence of the nationalist party "Independent Greeks" and the fascist "Golden Dawn" which was supported in various ways by the bourgeois class in order to sow fear and submission in the labour movement. Golden Dawn which was beating and killing immigrants, and attacking trade unionists of PAME, cadres of the KKE murdered a young antifascist in September 2013. After this incident the bourgeois system started to tighten the leash of the fascist "bulldog" which it itself created. Revealing evidence came to light regarding the criminal activity of Golden Dawn, which constitutes the political expression of the underworld.

The bourgeois system has two tools for the manipulation of the consciousness. On the one hand, the fear which is fostered by the government of ND and PASOK, namely, that if the anti-people measures are not implemented the country will be led to destruction as well as the fear about the criminal Golden Dawn, the anti-historical theory of the "two extremes".

On the other hand, the deception which is fostered particularly by the forces such as SYRIZA that claim that there can be a better management of the system, in favour of the

people, in the framework of the EU, of the domination of the monopolies.

The KKE is the only political party in Greece which plays a leading role in the struggles, comes into conflict both with fear, as well as with the illusions. Thanks to their deep roots and their blood ties with the working class and the other popular strata, the communists are being strengthened and reinforce their struggle for the only alternative pro-people way-out, the workers' and people's power, socialism.

The working class is struggling and it will be victorious!



The 35th general strike since Greece found itself in the eye of the storm of the capitalist economic crisis with the ruling class seeking to increase its profitability with the promotion of measures that aim at reducing the price of the labour power took place on 6th November 2013.

Over this period the KKE and the All Workers' Militant Front (PAME) which rallies in its ranks the trade unions of Greece that struggle in a class direction, have been struggling against the anti-people political line of the EU, the governments and the employers, against dismissals, against the reduction of salaries, against the abolition of labour rights, against the intimidation by the employers and the state. They contribute to the development of multifaceted struggles, they support strikes. The political line of the struggle of the KKE and the class oriented movement, which argued from the beginning that the crisis that the deficit and the debt are a product of the capitalist path of development and the working people are not at all responsible, has been a significant contribution to the confrontation with capital. There is a pro-people way out that is to be found in the unilateral cancelation of the debt, the disengagement of the country from the EU and NATO, in the socialization of the monopolies and the workers' and people's power.

The **INITIATIVE** of communist and workers' parties to study and elaborate European issues and to coordinate their activity.

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19th Congress of the KKE: People's Alliance against monopolies and capitalism. Socialism is necessary and timely.

The 19th Congress of the KKE took place on 11-14 April 2013 in Athens after a rich intra-party and public discussion on the Theses of the CC, the draft of the new Programme and Statutes of the

KKE which lasted four months.

The 19th Congress approved unanimously the documents of the Congress: **the Political**

Resolution, the Programme and the Statutes, confirming the ideological-political unity of the party.

In the documents of its 19th Congress the KKE clarifies that today in Greece there exist the objective preconditions for the construction of a socialist-communist society. The forthcoming revolution in Greece will be socialist. Our party assesses, as in its previous programme, that there are no intermediate stages between capitalism and socialism, as there are no intermediate types of power. We propose to the working class, to the poor popular strata, to the youth and the women of the popular families to form a people's alliance, the alliance of the social forces whose interest is to struggle in an anti-monopoly anti-capitalist direction having as their main slogans the socialization of the monopolies, the agricultural producer cooperatives, the unilateral cancellation of the debt, the non participation in military-political interventions, in wars, the disengagement from the EU and NATO, the workers' and people's power.

The KKE operates in the direction of preparing the subjective factor for the prospect of the socialist revolution, despite the fact that the time period of its outbreak is determined by objective preconditions, the revolutionary situation. We work for the creation of a KKE that will have a strong basis in the working class,

of a KKE that will be able to meet the requirements in all sudden turns of the class struggle so as to become an "all-weather party".

At the same time, we seek to regroup the labour movement on a class basis and we support the All Workers' Militant Front (PAME) and the alliance with other antimonopoly rallies of the small businessmen (PASEVE), of the poor farmers (PASY), the students (MAS) and women (OGE). We believe that what is needed today is the formation of the People's Alliance which will have a social basis (and will not be merely a welding together of political leaderships). A social alliance that will struggle for all the problems of the people, for salaries, pensions, public healthcare, education, social security for the relief of the unemployed etc and will have a clear anti-monopoly and anti-capitalist character. This social alliance in conditions of the revolutionary situation will be transformed into the revolutionary workers-people' front, which will create the organs of the workers' and people's power.

In the documents of the 19th Congress the KKE incorporated the results of the inner-party discussions on socialism and its history.

The Congress elected a **new CC with 63 members**, which elected the **Political Bureau that has 12 members**, and comrade **Dimitris Koutsoumpas** as its General Secretary.



Today, the KKE has the ability to approach significant workers' and people's forces. This was evident in the elections in a series of workers' trade unions, in the events of the festival of KNE as tens of thousands of working people took part in the hundreds of events that took place throughout the country, as well as in the recent demonstrations of PAME and the preparation of the general strike.

The communists of Europe are strengthening their struggle against the EU of capital and war



On the 1st of October 2013 at the initiative of the KKE, the founding meeting was held of the "Initiative of communist and workers' parties in order to study and elaborate European issues and to coordinate their activity".

The agreement to take part was given to this "Communist Initiative" at a European level, on the basis of a specific founding declaration, which describes the principles of the "Initiative", was expressed by 30 communist and workers' parties from 27 European countries. Specifically the following parties participate. Party of Labour of Austria, Communist Party of the Workers of Belarus, Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia,

New Communist Party of Britain, Union of Communists in Bulgaria, Party of Bulgarian Communists, Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia, Communist Party in Denmark, Pole of Communist Revival in France, Union of Revolutionary Communists of France, Unified Communist Party of Georgia, Communist Party of Greece, Hungarian Workers' Party, The Workers' Party of Ireland, Communists People's Left-Communist Party of Italy, Socialist Party of Latvia, Socialist People's Front of Lithuania, Communist Party of Macedonia, Communist Party of Malta, People's Resistance Moldova, Communist Party of Norway, Communist Party of Poland, Communist Workers' Party of Russia, Communist Party of Soviet Union, New Communist Party of Yugoslavia, Communist Party of Slovakia, Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain, Communist Party of Sweden, Communist Party of Turkey, Union of Communists of Ukraine, while the discussion is continuing with other parties.

With the Founding Declaration, which these CPs approved, they state that "We support the principles of scientific socialism and are united by the vision of a society without the exploitation of man by man, without poverty, social injustice and imperialist wars."

They take a clear position against the EU, assessing that the "EU is capital's choice. It promotes measures in favour of the monopolies...."

They promote "another development path for the peoples. The perspective of another Europe, the prosperity of the peoples, social progress, democratic rights, equal cooperation, peace, and socialism are highlighted through the workers' struggles. We believe in the right of every people to choose its own sovereign path of development, including the right to disengage from the multi-level dependencies on the EU and NATO, as well as the right to choose socialism."

At the same time, these 30 parties underline that they "are not full members of the so-called "European Parties", which are formed by the EU and amongst them the so-called "European Left Party"." They consider that the formation of the "INITIATIVE" will contribute to the research and study European issues, especially in relation to the EU, of the political line that is being charted in its framework and has an impact on the lives of the workers, as well as assisting in the elaboration of common positions of the Parties and the coordination of the solidarity and their other activities. At the founding meeting, 9 member Secretariat of the "INITIATIVE" was elected. The following parties participate in the Secretariat: the KKE, the Hungarian Workers' Party, the Workers' Party of Ireland, Communists People's Left-Communist Party of Italy, the Socialist Party of Latvia, the Communist Party of Slovakia, the Communist Party of the Peoples of Spain, the Communist Party of Sweden and the Communist Party of Turkey.



The European Communist Meeting was held on the 30th of September in Brussels. The introductory speech and the closing remarks were made by the GS of the CC of the KKE, Dimitris Koutsoumpas. 31 communist and workers' parties. 31 communist and workers' parties took part in the Meeting, from 28 countries, while another 8 parties, which for various reasons could not attend sent messages of greetings.

The European Communist Meeting, which is conducted at the initiative of the KKE has been established as an Important Collective Space-where the CPs of Europe can exchange views, assessments about the developments in their countries, in Europe- contributing in its own way to the strengthening of the common struggle against the exploitative system, the EU, capital and the parties that serve its interests. The damaging role of opportunism was highlighted at the Meeting, which at a European level takes on the form of the European Left Party and its corrosive impact on the working class and people's consciousness, also noting the need to keep a strong front open against it.

«No land, no water for the murderers of the peoples!»

The KKE consistently highlighted the causes of the imperialist war, which are to be found in the sharpening of the struggle over the raw materials, the transport routes, the market shares and took a position against Greece's participation in the planned imperialist war of the USA, NATO, EU and their allies in the region against Syria and Iran. With the slogan "neither land, nor water for the murderers of the peoples", the communists carried out mass mobilizations in dozens of cities in recent months, while the rally and march to the US Embassy took place in Athens on 29/8. The activities of KNE took on a similar character in June, with the encirclement of the USA-NATO air-force and naval base in Suda, Crete, which appears in the photograph.

The KKE on the 20/6 organized the Regional Meeting of CPs, where 11 CPs took part, against the imperialist war, while it also took the initiative together with the CP of Turkey and the Syrian CP for the Joint Statement of CPs, which on the 29/8 was supported by 77 CPs in total. In addition it brought the issue to the Greek Parliament, while the GS of the CC of the KKE met with the country's President C. Papoulias and explained the positions of the KKE against the war.



The position of the KKE against the imperialist war in Syria and Iran does not mean that our party identifies with the bourgeois regimes of these countries, but it begins from a position of opposing the choices and plans of the country's bourgeois class, such as Greece's participation in the imperialist war. Our opposition to the imperialist war, the organization of the people's struggle against the country's involvement in it, against the use of its territory, waters and airspace as a "launching pad" for an attack against another people is a crucial issue today, which provides with the possibility of placing the question of power on the agenda, calling the Greek people and the other peoples of our region to organize and to overthrow capitalist barbarity that gives rise to war.

International Websites of the KKE

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The meeting of the Editorial Board of the "International Communist Review" was held in Athens on the 20th of September 2013, which constitutes a form of cooperation amongst the theoretical and political journals of the Communist and Workers' Parties which have common positions on a series of fundamental theoretical and ideological issues. As is noted in the Editorial of the 1st Issue of the ICR: "The "International Communist Review" continuing the traditions of Lenin is a publication with a clear ideological-political character. It is a journal with a point of view (...). Our goal is to contribute to the popularisation and development of the Marxist Leninist theory through the ideological analysis and political positioning on modern developments in capitalism and the issues of class struggle. We believe that the enforcement of the Marxist Leninist orientation within the international communist and labour movement is a precondition for its necessary reorganisation. The theoretical and political journals of the CPs that cooperate for the publication of the "International Communist Review" came together based on our common view on major issues of the international communist movement, the defence of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, of proletarian internationalism, of the necessity of a socialist revolution, of the dictatorship of proletariat and of the construction of a socialist society.

4 issues of the ICR have been published up until this point (in English, Spanish, Russian, Greek), while the topics of its **5th Issue** were discussed at the meeting of the Editorial Board of the ICR on 20/9, which will be published in 2014, regarding the 100 years since the 1st World War and will include articles related to **the imperialist war and the stance of the communists.**

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