

Joint Declaration

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On 20th March 2003, the war of aggression against Iraq and subsequent occupation began, led by the US imperialists and supported by the imperialists of other countries in the military, political and economic fields. This war of aggression has been the widest and fiercest attack by the imperialists in recent decades, within a general strategy (for the Middle East), including the aggressions against the Afghan, Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

Despite the vastness of destructions and the numerous victims that the US imperialists have caused, these comprise only a stage that predictably will be followed by worst destructions and further millions of dead people. It is the imperialists aim, and primarily the US imperialist are realizing it with their growing threats and the concrete preparations for war against Iran.

The aggressions against the Iraqi people and against the other peoples of the Middle East met with a hard, continuous and heroic resistance. The popular masses in the countries of the Middle East have put up a resistance that is one of the most important centres of resistance of the struggle that popular masses are launching against imperialist wars all over the world.

Without this resistance the imperialist aggression would have already further spread, involving other countries, firstly Syria and Iran. Everybody must recognize the right of these peoples to defend themselves against any aggression, the same right exercised by the popular masses that resisted against Nazi fascist armies in Europe and Japanese armies in Asia during the Second World War.

The severe setbacks which US imperialism has to suffer in the Middle East and the looming defeat weakens it worldwide and is a great encouragement for the worldwide struggle of the peoples and the working class in the imperialist countries.

Imperialism is the source of all wars of aggression and so the best contribution for peace is the struggle against it.

In this fifth anniversary of the beginning of the war we, signatories of this statement, condemn the aggression against Iraq and against all the popular masses of the countries of the Middle East.

We support the resistance of the popular masses of Iraq, Afghanistan and the whole region of the Middle East against the imperialist aggressors and support the right of self-determination of the peoples.

We declare our active support for the anti-militarist and peace movements in our own countries and promote their growth through systematic educational work among the masses of people.

We invite all the parties, the organizations and individuals who have the defence of peace, of the right of peoples to their self determination, of genuine democracy and progress at heart, to sign this document, to promote its signing and to launch mass demonstrations for defending the values we are struggling for: against a present and future of misery, destruction and war that the imperialist powers are inflicting on the popular masses of all the world, for building up a world worth living for all mankind and to build up its bright future.

The threat to peace in the region of the Middle East and in the entire world comes from the imperialists. Only when the peoples liberate themselves from imperialism under the leadership of the working class will they be able to live together in lasting peace and self-determination. That is why the struggle for national and social liberation needs the perspective of socialism. This requires the building of genuine communist parties and organizations and their close cooperation on the basis of equal rights.

**Immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq and Afghanistan!
Solidarity with the anti-imperialist liberation struggle in Iraq, Afghanistan,
Palestine and the whole region!**

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2. Revolutionary Communist Party of Argentina (PCR)
3. Initiative for the reconstruction for a revolutionary Communist Party, Austria
4. Partido Comunista Marxista-Leninista-Maoísta de Bolivia (PCMLM)
5. Brazilian Centre of Solidarity to the Peoples (CEBRASPO), Brasilia
6. Resistance Movement "23rd September", Bulgaria
7. Partido Comunista Colombia-Maoista, PCC-M, Colombia
8. Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista) Republica Dominicana
9. Organization Communiste (Marxist-Leninist) Proletarian Way (OCML) France
10. Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany (MLPD)
11. Communist Organization of Greece (KOE)
12. Communist Party of Greece (Marxist-Leninist), KKE(ml), Greece
13. Ranjbaran Party of Iran (Toilers' Party of Iran
14. Association for Proletarian Solidarity, Italy
15. Party of the Committees to Support Resistance – for Communism (CARC), Italy
16. (New) Italian Communist Party, (n)PCI, Italy
17. Struggling Workers Union, Italy
18. Nepal Communist Party (Mashal), Nepal
19. GML/Rode Morgen, Netherland
20. National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP)
21. Russian Maoist Party (RMP), Russia
22. Bolschewic Party (Northkurdistan-Turkey)
23. Communist Party of Turkey/Marxist-Leninist (TKP/ML)
24. Union of revolutionary communists of Turkey (TIKB)
25. Revolutionary Communist Party of Uruguay (PCR)
26. Revolutionary Organization of Labor (ROL), USA