

In the face of the crisis, social revolution!

In the face of the war of the imperialist powers, the revolutionary struggle to put an end to the rule of capital!

In the midst of a world in which the economic, political and social problems are deepening, and the owners of big capital are unloading the effects of the crisis of the capitalist system on the working class and the peoples, the commemoration of Mayday becomes the occasion for the exploited and oppressed of all countries to make their voice heard in protesting against the problems that affect them and their unwavering decision to continue their struggle for social emancipation.

The desire of the monopolies and the capitalist-imperialist countries to conquer new markets and expand their spheres of influence has provoked the outbreak of a new war of inter-imperialist character in Ukraine. At stake here are the interests of the capitalist-imperialist powers grouped in the European Union and NATO, led by US imperialism, on the one hand, and on the other hand Russian imperialism - no less aggressive and rapacious than the aforementioned.

In the politico-military disputes of the imperialist powers and the owners of big capital, we cannot take sides in favour of one or another power or bloc that promotes hatred and war, because, by their nature, they are enemies of the peoples and we denounce them as such; we take a stand with the working class and the peoples and, in this particular circumstance, we express our solidarity with the workers, youth and people of Ukraine who are in the midst of the inter-imperialist disputes and are victims of war. We reject the warmongering policies of Russia and the US-led NATO.

In general, the international bourgeoisie has declared a war against the workers and the peoples, which is manifested in the state policies that it applies - supposedly - to reactivate the economy of the countries and attend to social needs, but in reality it seeks to safeguard the interests of the powerful economic groups and guarantee their high rates of profit. Neoliberal, conservative and social-democratic governments alike strike at workers' rights, criminalise social protest, approve starvation wages, keep millions of men and women unemployed; their policies applied to deal with the economic crisis that broke out in 2020 and the Covid 19 pandemic made it clear that, for the bourgeoisie, "sacrosanct" capital is above all else.

Every day, capitalism leads millions of people to live in poverty and extreme poverty, in unemployment and underemployment; millions leave their territories and countries fleeing from these problems and from violence, insecurity, war, hoping to rebuild their lives in other lands, but they collide with anti-migrant and xenophobic policies, with racist discourses and violence promoted by extreme right-wing and fascist organisations that are gaining strength in some countries.

The other side is the opulence of the rich. In the midst of the crisis and the pandemic, the process of concentration and centralisation of wealth in a few hands has reached greater levels, i.e. the fortunes of billionaires have grown and new millionaires have emerged, the

gap between rich and poor, between exploited and exploiters has widened; but the distance between the dependent countries and the more developed capitalist countries and, of course, the imperialist powers, has also increased. Economic and social inequality is growing every day.

But the workers of the city and the countryside, the youth and women of the popular sectors, the unemployed and the homeless, environmentalists and artists do not accept this situation as an evil they are condemned to live with forever: discontent is transformed into rejection and rejection manifests itself in struggle. They are protagonists of important protest demonstrations against the restrictive policies applied by governments, against the rising cost of living and low wages, against neoliberal plans, they demand their rights, they defend nature and oppose extractivist policies, they fight for water, for education, for health, against the payment of foreign debt, etc.... They fight against the evils of capitalism and yearn for change, yet they are often victims of the demagogy of right-wing and so-called left-wing political forces, which manipulate the feelings of the people to ensure the stability of the system and bourgeois "governability".

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The International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations -CIPOML- calls on the workers of the whole world, this May Day, together with the particular demands and demands that the reality of each country determines, to raise those banners that unite the international proletariat in struggle. Only the triumph of revolution and socialism will engender a new world, a society of equality, welfare and progress, the society of the workers!

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