



## **International Solidarity against Reaction and the Imperialist Policies of War and Austerity**

The Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations of Europe have successfully held their annual conference in Paris in June 2018.

The collective analysis of the current situation in Europe and the exchange of experiences have highlighted two main trends.

First, the imperialist states are engaging in an ever fiercer competition and are multiplying the hotbeds of tension in the world.

The increasingly explicit war policy is accompanied by the militarization of society. There is always more money for arms and wars and less money for the social needs of the popular masses.

It is urgent to denounce and combat this policy in every country and on the international level, mobilizing the workers and peoples against NATO and the "European defense policy," the militarization of society and the increase in war budgets, against the development of military operations of the European armies in the Middle East and Africa.

It is important to support the growing opposition of the peoples of the Nordic countries against the transformation of this strategic area into a battlefield between the US, NATO and the EU on the one hand, and Russia on the other. It is necessary to develop opposition to the policies of war of the US, NATO and the EU in all European countries, for the dismantling of US bases and nuclear bombs, for the dissolution of NATO.

The Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations will contribute to the success of the mobilizations against the next NATO summit in Brussels and in the different countries, encouraging international coordination of the struggles against the policies of war and their instruments.

Another important issue was at the center of the debate: the development of the populist movements, their nature and their objectives.

The Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations, taking into account the great variety of forms of this phenomenon and the differences between right and left populism, have begun a profound global discussion on the basis of a number of common characteristics of populism, among which are:

- The rejection of the working class and of the class struggle;
- The rejection of the decisive role of the proletariat in the revolutionary process and in the construction of socialist society;

- The rejection of the role of political parties, in particular of the party of the working class, the Communist Party;
- Their opportunistic policy of alliances for the purpose of winning elections, alliances that may even include openly racist and fascist parties.

This phenomenon is part of the reactionary offensive to divert the growing opposition of important social sectors against the policy of the oligarchy, to maintain the protests within the framework of the capitalist-imperialist system and to prevent the development of a revolutionary class consciousness.

The Conference expressed its solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people, condemning the brutal repression of the Zionist state of Israel against the population of Gaza and the support of US imperialism and of other imperialist states for the war criminal Netanyahu. The Conference supports the struggle of the progressive and revolutionary forces in Turkey who are opposing Erdogan's plan to establish an autocratic dictatorial regime that serves to intensify the exploitation and oppression of the workers and peoples of Turkey, as well as oppression and war against the Kurds.

It also expresses its support for the struggles of the workers that is developing in different countries, such as that of railway workers in France and of the public service workers, particularly in Denmark.

The Conference reinforced the political and ideological unity and internationalist spirit of the parties and organizations, on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles and their common goal: the struggle for proletarian revolution and socialism.

### **International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations of Europe, members of the ICMLPO**

**Communist Party of Albania, PCA**

**Communist Party of the Workers of Denmark, APK**

**Communist Party of the Workers of France, PCOF**

**Organization for the Construction of the Communist Party of the Workers of Germany**

**Movement for the Reorganization of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE 1918-1955)**

**Communist Platform – for the Communist Party of the Proletariat of Italy**

**Marxist Leninist Organization Revolusjon of Norway**

**Communist Party of Spain (Marxist-Leninist), PCE (m-1)**

**Labor Party of Turkey, EMEP**

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