

Political Declaration of the Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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To analyze the economic, political and social situation on the American continent, the discussion of how we Marxist-Leninists are acting in this concrete reality, and the definition of the tasks and lines of action to move forward in the process of organizing the social revolution of the proletariat, we have called the Latin American Plenary of the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations, ICMLPO.

The parties attending, among which we have the presence of our comrades from Turkey and Tunisia, have had a fruitful debate, which has allowed us to get to know and better understand the socio-political scenario in which workers and peoples are acting and fighting.

We confirm the deepening of processes initiated years ago, which are causing changes in the balance of political forces at the level of several governments and in the social sphere. In several countries where regimes called “progressive”, “alternative”, “21st Century Socialist” were established, bourgeois factions with developmentalist positions that sponsored them have lost positions, with traditional sectors of the bourgeoisie, openly identified with the political positions of the right-wing, taking over.

This phenomenon is opening the doors for US imperialism to recover places contested by China, particularly in those places where the so-called progressive governments were established. The US never lost its hegemony in the region, it never ceased to be the main center of hemispheric trade and the exit point for the largest investments in the region. Latin America, as well as the rest of the world, is the scene of inter-imperialist contention over control of markets. Not only do the US and China have and defend their particular interests, but also Canada, the imperialist countries of Europe and Russia come into play

The carrying out of neoliberal policies characterizes the political moment in the region. The differences between one country and another are minimal in the way they are carried out, but the measures and objectives set forth are the same: to raise the level of capitalist exploitation, through measures and laws that make work precarious, restrict and eliminate trade union rights, reduce state budgets for education, health care and social security sectors; privatize state-owned companies, with names and figures that disguise this reality. In essence, policies that seek to enrich even more sectors of the national big bourgeoisie, favor imperialist finance capital and strengthen foreign dependence.

We confirm the exacerbation of serious social problems. Migration has connotations and magnitudes never before seen in our hemisphere, which in the case of the exodus that goes toward the United States, has collided with reactionary measures implemented by the government of Donald Trump (and also carried out by some governments in Central America)

that put into evidence his xenophobic, nationalist, and white supremacist thinking. Poverty is growing, unemployment and underemployment are increasing, the number of people without access to education, health care and housing are increasing; violence against women is also reaching levels not seen before; the impact on the environment is expanding with the policy of extraction [of oil and minerals] imposed on our countries.

These are serious problems that cannot be understood except in the framework of how capitalism organizes the life of society and reproduces itself.

These phenomena affirm us in the conviction that the overcoming of these problems cannot take place within the framework of the prevailing system: social-reformism, neoliberalism, “progressivism” and other bourgeois political currents have not only failed when they have been in government, but are directly responsible for what is happening. Only the social revolution of the proletariat has the historic capacity to solve the serious problems that afflict the workers and peoples; only the working class in power can emancipate humanity from capitalist exploitation, end foreign oppression and dependence. Towards that purpose we focus the actions of our Parties. We are developing efforts to improve our ties and influence among workers, peasants, youth and women.

We confirm that the discontent and struggle of the masses is growing in the face of the anti-popular policies of governments, before the aggressive declarations and actions of imperialism. As revolutionary organizations we are in these combats and we intend to have a better impact on their leadership.

There are ongoing political phenomena that, due to their complexity, require special mention. In Venezuela, workers and the people continue to be victims of the aggressive interventionist policy of US imperialism, the European Union and the governments of countries that have been subjected to those dictates. There is a serious economic, political and social crisis caused by the imperialist blockade, the boycott of the right-wing, the inability of the PSUV-Maduro government to address and resolve the problems of the masses, in which there is a neo-liberal trend that pushes privatization. This crisis also involves the interests of other powers, such as China and Russia. Only a policy of class independence will allow the working class and people to create a genuinely sovereign and popular proposal counter to the current crisis. We call on the workers and peoples of Latin America and the world to organize solidarity actions under the slogan: *“The Venezuelan people are resisting and fighting against imperialist aggression.”*

The electoral triumph of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil – a fervent diffuser of ultra-reactionary and fascist ideas, in favor of the use of repressive mechanisms and paramilitary groups in order to achieve social control – caused some sectors to announce the arrival of fascism in that country and on the continent. Bolsonaro has the support of the judiciary, the armed forces and the big bourgeoisie; however, he has not been able to fulfill his purpose because the workers, youth and peoples of Brazil have been able to respond in the streets to the regime’s anti-popular measures, exposing the contradiction between the fighting popular movement and the fascist forces.

It is clear that, worldwide, ultra-reactionary ideas are spreading and are gaining ground in some countries. It is our obligation to unmask them and banish them from the mass movement whenever they appear.

On the right, we confront the defenders of capital with the mobilization of the workers and peoples. This raises the need to persist in our proposals for unity among the forces and movements of the left, in the social and popular movements. Unity of the workers and peoples for their rights, for democracy, for better material living conditions, against the neoliberal plans. Unity against imperialism and the right-wing are proposals that we commit ourselves to carry out, as a current necessity in the process of organizing the social revolution of the proletariat. The struggle and fight against imperialism implies, at the same time, unmasking the proposals and actions of social reformism and opportunism, against the movement to the right and towards fascism.

The peoples are fighting on all continents, marking the perspective for social change, for a new world. Algeria and Sudan have been the scene of combative popular rebellions that threw down reactionary and repressive governments, there the struggle is continuing for democracy, political rights and attention to popular demands. The Puerto Rican people have just forced the resignation of the corrupt Governor Ricardo Roselló, a struggle in which the banners of independence were also present. To these peoples we give our solidarity, as well as to the Haitian people who are fighting daily against hunger, unemployment, corruption, etc., and the oblivion with which they are threatened. We stand with the peoples of the Antilles who still live under colonialism.

The Meeting of the Leninist Marxist Parties and Organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean paid tribute to Comrade Osman, internationalist revolutionary of Turkey, who died recently and conveyed our solidarity to the comrades of EMEP (Party of Labour). The meeting also commemorated the formation of the Communist International, founded by Lenin a hundred years ago.

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Peruvian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)
Workers Party of Tunisia
Labour Party of Turkey
American Party of Labor
Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Uruguay
Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Venezuela

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