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Greetings to 19th Congress of KKE

Central Committee,
Communist Party of Greece (KKE)

Dear comrades,

On the occasion of your 19th Party Congress, we send our warmest fraternal greetings to the delegates, members and supporters of the Communist Party of Greece, and our very best wishes for the success of your Congress and future work.

Your 19th Congress comes at a most critical moment, as the general crisis of capitalism continues to deepen and the threats to humanity – from both imperialist war and environmental devastation – grow in magnitude. The austerity agenda imposed on peoples across Europe by the ‘troika’ on behalf the European mandarins of monopoly capital are having devastating results on the working class in Greece and elsewhere on the continent. Everywhere, unemployment, privation and suffering abound, but resistance and struggle against this capitalist offensive is continuing to grow. In Greece, this is thanks to the militant, class struggle-oriented leadership shown by PAME and the KKE. As we said in Athens at the 13th Meeting of the IMCWP in 2011, the Communist Party of Greece is “showing *in life* how a Communist party should and must exercise its vanguard role. Your party is setting an example and giving inspiration to all Communist forces and revolutionary movements everywhere in the world.”

The recent events in Cyprus substantiate that the current cyclical crisis is far from abating. Meanwhile, international finance capital is stashing away stupendous amounts of ‘buried treasure’ in so-called tax havens – the total value of such organized ‘tax avoidance’ has now reached as much as \$32 trillion dollars worldwide. This is yet further proof that ‘austerity’ serves monopoly interests aimed at increasing the accumulation of capital, while making the working class and the people pay for the crisis.

Meanwhile the imperialist war machine is preparing new wars of invention and mass destruction against both Syria and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. Imperialist war in either of these strategic regions could quickly escalate into wider conflicts and possibly more generalized war, with horrific consequences for humanity. We express our solidarity with the peoples and governments of both Syria and the DPRK at this critical moment, and condemn the imperialist campaign to impose sanctions, hatch conspiracies and foment war against these countries.

In Canada the capitalist crisis is also deepening and the offensive of finance capital and its governments – led by the federal Conservative government under Stephen Harper – is growing in intensity. But there are encouraging signs that the counter-offensive of the labour and people’s movements is also growing across Canada. The historic Québec student strike in 2012, the Canada-wide “Idle No More” protests of Aboriginal peoples and many other mobilizations in defence of labour, social and equality rights and in defence of our environment, signal a qualitative change in the mood of the working class and its allies to fight back against the capitalist offensive.

The 37th Convention of the Communist Party of Canada, which just concluded its work last weekend, concluded that the workers across Canada – when given the chance to do so – are willing and able to mount the most militant and heroic resistance, but that to do so requires an unremitting struggle to defeat business unionism and class collaborationist policies of the right-wing, social democratic leadership of the labour movement. “Only a powerful and united struggle of the workers and their social allies can create a *political crisis* which will force the ruling class to retreat, and create conditions for the labour and people’s forces to go onto the counter-offensive, to change the balance of class forces in the country, to curb corporate power and open the door to a revolutionary advance to socialism.”

The building of such a militant ‘people’s coalition’ based on confronting the power of finance capital and advancing a far-reaching and comprehensive alternative that puts people and nature before profit is the most decisive objective set by our Convention.

Dear comrades,

We take this opportunity to once again express commitment to continue to foster the closest relations between our two parties, based on fidelity to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and to our mutual efforts to strengthen the International Communist Movement on such a principled basis.

Once again, we wish you a most successful and productive 19th Congress!

Comradely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miguel Figueroa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miguel Figueroa
Central Executive Committee,
Communist Party of Canada