

**Message of Greetings of
the Tudeh Party of Iran
to the 19th Congress of the
Communist Party of Greece**



11th – 14th April 2013.

To the Presidium of the 19th Congress of KKE
Athens
Greece.

Dear comrades;

The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran sends its fraternal greetings to the Communist Party of Greece on the occasion of its 19th Congress.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your heroic fraternal party every success in formulating the policies necessary to overcome the barriers confronting Greek working class in realising its goals of achieving peace, progress and socialism. Greek working class is passing through one of the most difficult and complex chapters of its contemporary history. It is our profound belief that the KKE has the capacity and resources necessary to ensure that the people of Greece overcome the barriers confronting their complex struggles. We wish great success for the 19th Congress of KKE in elaborating the plans and policies necessary for the success of the struggle of the Greek working class for peace and socialism.

Tudeh Party of Iran wishes to take this opportunity also to state that it is proud of the long standing and deep fraternal relations with KKE which have been tested and developed in the course of the struggles of our two parties. We express our profound appreciation and thanks for the consistent solidarity extended by KKE to the Iranian working class and its party, the Tudeh Party of Iran, in their struggle for peace, democracy and social justice.

Dear Comrades;

Your 19th Congress is taking place in very sensitive and difficult period internationally. The unprecedented global capitalist crisis has completely overwhelmed the powerful economies of the US, the EU. Under the weight of the neoliberal policies pursued by the IMF, World Bank and WTO tens of millions of workers are condemned to poverty and unemployment. The cuts to public services have created a serious situation for working people in the capitalist countries. The current capitalist economic crisis has exposed the bankruptcy of the capitalist model in every sense of the word. As far as Greece is concerned, the experience of the recent years has proved that advocates of capitalism have failed to offer any solution for the complex challenges faced by the people.

The working class and poor across the world are turning to more active protests against capitalist barbarism. They are openly questioning the logic of the

capitalist model. At the same time, the inter-imperialist contradictions have sharpened and the race for control of markets and natural resources and energy routes, has intensified. This has led to wars and military confrontations.

Nowhere this is better demonstrated in Africa and the Middle East. The imperialists' race for control of oil rich areas, plunder of nations and securing of markets is accompanied with war, destabilization and open interference in the internal affairs of independent nations. The US administration, supported by its EU allies, has made securing their imperialist hegemony over the Middle East and Africa a strategic priority. The tragedies we have witnessed in Libya and what is taking place in Syria clearly demonstrate the price that the people of Middle East have to pay for these imperialist designs.

It is not an exaggeration to claim that the situation in the Middle East is unprecedented. From one hand we have witnessed the emergence of the genuine popular movements for democracy, reforms and progressive change in the countries previously ruled by dictatorships and in many cases allied to imperialism. Simultaneously, as we have seen recently, the forces of imperialism and their regional allies, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, are working to ensure these popular movements are manipulated, and divert them in the directions that ensure they remain in the sphere of control of imperialism.

Imperialism is exploiting its military might and its traditional hegemony in the Middle East to secure its strategic interests and to coerce nations into accepting the "New World Order". The conflict between the US administration and the regime in Iran should be seen in this light. The US has threatened repeatedly that it may resort to military option to secure its plans for Iran. The imposition of paralysing economic sanctions since 2011 is an important part of these plans and has seriously undermined the Iranian economy.

In recent years, the Israeli right-wing government, which enjoys the full and unconditional support of US Imperialism, has threatened to wage military action against Iran. The Tudeh Party of Iran believes that such an aggression would have grave consequences for all peoples of the region.

Our party has clearly stated its position in condemning any intervention in Iran by US imperialism and its allies in the EU and the region including Israel. We have analysed the threats of military interventions against Iran as part of the imperialist policy for advancing their long term plan for the creation of a "New Middle East". We believe that it is the right of the Iranian people themselves to determine the direction of future developments in their country.

Simultaneously we condemn the implementation of repressive measures against the popular movement in Iran by the ruling theocratic regime in Tehran. We have declared our resolute solidarity with trade unionists, working people, women, students and all progressive and democratic forces struggling for human and democratic rights, economic and social justice, peace and democracy. We campaign for the unconditional release of all political prisoners and for an end to torture of political prisoners.

Dear Comrades;

Our country, Iran, is currently engulfed in an unprecedented in multi-dimensional political, economic and social crisis. The regime is unable to continue its dictatorial rule except through repression. The people's movement for democracy, human rights and social justice has reached a critical stage. Our struggle for democracy in Iran, based on a deep Marxist- Leninist analysis, is aimed at creating the conditions for building a genuine popular movement for advanced democracy and this in turn is related to our principled aim of mobilising the masses for resistance against imperialist plans in Iran and region.

The regime's political, economic and social outlooks are frighteningly backward and reactionary. The theocratic regime is wedded into neo-liberal economic policies prescribed by the IMF and the World Bank and hence incapable of offering a solution for the country's economic, social and political problems. Privatisation is spreading to every aspect of the economy.

We continue our efforts to organise the masses and strongly believe that the current popular protest movement, if organised and united, could pave the way for fundamental, democratic and progressive changes within our society.

Tudeh Party of Iran is also aware of the complex and dangerous situation that currently exists in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf region. Our Party, while strongly condemning any external intervention in our country, has called upon the theocratic regime to work towards diffusing the situation which could be used as a pretext for further imperialist military adventures in the region.

Dear Comrades;

We would like to re-emphasise that Tudeh Party of Iran is committed to deepening and expanding its fraternal relations with the KKE and continued unity of action in the struggle for peace and progress on the basis of our common Marxist- Leninist principles, methodologies and policies.

We once again wish your 19th Congress every success in formulating your programme for advancing on the path towards a socialist future.

Dear Comrades;

We salute you in your struggle for Peace, progress and Socialism. May victory be yours!

- **Long live fraternal relations between the Communist Party of Greece and Tudeh Party of Iran!**
- **Long live International Solidarity!**
- **Long live Socialism!**

With best wishes for you're the success of the 19th Congress of KKE

In comradeship

Central Committee, Tudeh Party of Iran

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