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Call of ICOR

for the international day of struggle against fascism and war on 08/09 May, 06 August and 01 September, 2018

On May 8, 1945, Hitlerite fascism was smashed – mainly by the socialist Soviet Union. After the end of the Second World War with more than 55 million deaths, the popular masses of the world agreed: an imperialist world war must never again occur.

In sharp contrast to that, a general tendency towards imperialist preparation of war has been developing for some time, increasing significantly the general threat of war. With threats of the American president Trump to use missiles against the Syrian Assad regime in Syria, he is risking a direct armed conflict with his Russian rival. The imperialist superpower USA is the main enemy of all peoples. The main reason for its growing aggressiveness is its relapse in the imperialist competition with China. For this purpose, a trade war with the rivals is being instigated and the attempt is being made to push back Russia's spheres of power and influence. The USA and Russia are modernizing their atomic weapons with the goal of gaining first strike quality. NATO has increased its military expenditures from 895 billion \$ (2015) to 945 billion \$ (2017). Its members are supposed to increase their military spending to 2 percent of the GNP. 23 states in the EU signed the military pact PESCO (Permanent Structured Cooperation) in November 2017 and are extending their foreign engagement.

The means of psychological war preparation are getting more and more perfidious. The ruling aggressors are trying to get the masses behind them on a chauvinist basis. Chauvinism means division of the peoples, means extreme nationalism and racism. However, in the polarization the peoples' wish for peace also becomes stronger; they do not want to be turned against each other and decline into the barbarism of imperialist war.

The focal point of the imperialist attempts to extend their spheres of power is presently Syria. With its air attacks in Syria the USA, as the world's main warmonger, has increasingly provoked a direct military confrontation among the imperialists. Russia is leaning on the reactionary Assad regime. With the approval and support of the USA, Russia and Germany, fascist Turkey is expelling the Kurdish population from Afrin. The Middle East has the greatest crude oil reserves and many pipelines cross the region. For this reason old and new imperialists from the EU, Iran, Saudi Arabia are participating in the redivision of the Middle East. Tens of thousands of people were murdered or put to flight. Zionist Israel wants to conquer the South of Syria and attacks Syrian positions with warplanes. It rejects any peaceful solution and constantly provokes new conflicts. On 30 March 2018 it assassinated 18 Palestinians on the day of commemoration of the Palestinian liberation movement. The joint freedom struggle of the Palestinian and Kurdish peoples has strategic importance.

Further trouble spots of the threat of war are the South Chinese Sea and Ukraine.

The construction of a liberated, democratic Rojava by the Kurdish fighters of YPG, YPJ and PYD is a thorn in the flesh of all imperialists. Here many ethnic groups, men and

women live together on an equal footing. In connection with the Nevroz festival in March 2018 ICOR organized the solidarity with the Kurdish liberation struggle against the fascist occupation of Afrin. Thousands followed the call. 1.5 million people took to the streets for that worldwide in March. The close collaboration with other progressive forces created further bases for the construction of a **worldwide anti-imperialist, anti-fascist united front**.

The ICOR considers this task to be of strategic importance and will actively promote its day of struggle against fascism and war in the working class, among the broad masses of people and the revolutionary organizations of the world.

In view of the aggravated danger of war the worldwide peace movement is challenged to construct this united front in an accelerated way and further strengthen ICOR. Our perspective is the overthrow of imperialism, which is the cause of the growing danger of a war. Only in socialism can the peoples live together peacefully and use the achievements of humankind for the unity of humans and nature.

ICOR calls for manifold actions of peace on the international day of struggle against fascism and war on May 8/9, 2018 (victory over Hitler fascism), and also – adapted to the existing circumstances at that date – on August 6 (bombing of Hiroshima) and September 1 (begin of the 2nd World War by Hitler's Germany).

Stop the imperialist warmongers!

Ban on and destruction of all ABC weapons!

All imperialists out of Syria! Solidarity with the Kurdish and Palestine liberation struggle!

For peace, liberty and socialism!

Signatories (as of 9 Mayil 2018, further signatories possible):

1. RCP Revolutionary Communist Party of Egypt
2. PCPCI Parti Communiste Proletarien de Côte d'Ivoire (Proletarian Communist Party of Ivory Coast), Ivory Coast
3. ORC Organisation Révolutionnaire du Congo (Revolutionary Organization of Congo), Democratic Republic of the Congo
4. SDP Social Democratic Party, Kenya
5. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
6. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
7. PCT Parti Comuniste du Togo (Communist Party of Togo), Togo
8. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia
9. MLOA Marxist-Leninist Organization of Afghanistan
10. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
11. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
12. NCP (Mashal) Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)

13. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
14. KSC-CSSP Komunistická Strana Československa – Československa Strana Práce (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Czechoslovakian Workers Party), Czech Republic
15. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
16. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
17. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
18. MLP Marksistsko-Leninskaja Platforma (Marxist-Leninist Platform), Russia
19. MLGS Marxistisch-Leninistische Gruppe Schweiz (Marxist-Leninist Group of Switzerland)
20. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
21. PCC-M Partido Comunista de Colombia – Maoista (Communist Party of Colombia - Maoist)
22. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
23. NPCH (ML) Nouveau Parti Communiste Haïtien (Marxiste-Léniniste) (New Communist Party of Haiti (Marxist-Leninist))
24. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
25. PPP Partido Proletario del Perú (Proletarian Party of Peru)
26. PS-GdT Plataforma Socialista - Golpe de Timón (Socialist Platform – Change of Course), Venezuela
27. PML del Perú Partido Marxista Leninista del Perú (Marxist-Leninist Party of Peru)