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Dear friends and comrades,

The coincidence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the worldwide economic and financial crisis needs practical coordination, mutual exchange and support of revolutionary parties and organizations to better fight against the corona pandemic all over the world.

Based on experience in Germany, the MLPD, its doctors and allies have continuously analysed the Covid-19 pandemic and have developed the following measures in a short version as well as detailed recommendations. We want to share our experience with you, and would appreciate very much to learn from the experience in your country to effectively fight and deal with the pandemic. Feel free to write to me or to the doctors in Germany.

Internationally, all sorts of conspiracy theories are being discussed that find a certain mass basis owing to the failure of the crisis management of the imperialist governments. At least in Germany, demonstrations with a certain mass participation (most recently 38,000) are taking place in which open fascists are trying to take the lead. They spread the view that all protective measures are complete nonsense, and so endanger the masses, and thus, together with religious fanatics, create hot spots to spread the pandemic anew.

We educate people about the interaction of the world economic and financial crisis with the corona crisis. Starting from the workers, more and more militant activities against the shifting of the crisis burdens onto the masses are developing. We have established (partly also through the courts) a proper culture of demonstrating under corona conditions (distancing, masks, disinfected microphones) while also carrying out intensive educational work among the masses. In part, in an increasingly careless way safety measures are being ignored, especially by young people. This implies an underestimation of the disease.

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For this reason, in the next few days a book written by the doctors in the Internationalist Alliance is being published in Germany: *CoVid 19 – Neuartig. Gefährlich. Besiegbar.* (Covid-19: Unprecedented. Dangerous. Conquerable) in order to create awareness about the special character of the virus. Because only then can it be understood why such serious consequential damage to all organs can arise; why people get infected a second time – despite the temporary presence of antibodies; why the immune system does not recognize, or has difficulty recognizing, this specific virus – a fact which has far-reaching effects on the search for a vaccine. Educational work, active healthcare, and development of the class struggle against the shifting of the crisis burdens to the working class (and the broad masses) must by all means constitute a dialectical unity.

Let's fight together, support each other, strengthen and coordinate our struggle against the Covid-19 pandemic!

Long live international solidarity!

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