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Dear All,

The World of Oppressed Nations has given birth to a Developing World, which is challenging the Atlantic system of imperialism in every sphere of life. The question now is whether the 21st century will be an Eurasian or an Atlantic century. It is only natural that imperialism striving to establish its hegemony upon the entire world cannot be expected to silently and peacefully watch the rise of a new world.

The Middle East is the forefront of this confrontation between the two worlds. The Greater Middle East and Northern Africa Project of USA aims to reshape this region of the world so as to create new military footholds for the US from which Asia can be attacked along with being threatened by controlling the energy sources and transportation routes.

There has been no period in history that the territorial integrity and security of the countries in our region Syria, Iran, Iraq and Turkey have become so interdependent as they are now. In spite of the failures in Afghanistan and Iraq on the part of the US, there are two important gains that it has achieved in the region. One is the "puppet state" in Northern Iraq, while the other is the current administration in Turkey, which is acting as a co-chair of the Greater Middle East and Northern Africa Project.

Turkey's position in this context is unique. As the sustainability of the puppet state in Northern Iraq requires its expansion to the North (Turkey) and to the West (Syria) - as well as to the East (Iran), if possible, -these three countries are faced with a common threat. On the other hand, however, Turkey's present administration is acting as a subcontractor of USA in threatening Syria militarily, in following a hostile policy against Iran and in supporting the puppet state in Northern Iraq.

You will find in this bulletin the stances of Workers' Party -Turkey- ranging from the broadest framework regarding the 21st century socialism to the struggle it leads in all the specific, but vital issues pertaining to the region to render the Greater Middle East and Northern Africa Project of USA vacuous.

With best and friendly regards.

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An article by Doğu Perinçek, Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey), on the current situation of the Developing World written on the occasion of the visit of Xi Jinping, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, to Turkey. This article was published in Doğu Perinçek's column in the daily newspaper Aydınlık (Clarity) on 22 February 2012.

THE OPPRESSED WORLD HAS BECOME THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Xi Jinping, the Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, visited Turkey. Xi is expected to become the President next year.

The Miracle of Revolution

China was, just 60 years ago, the poorest country in the world. Today, it is the world's most dynamic, fresh and hopeful country. The Chinese economy has evolved into the vanguard, the determining factor of the world economy. In this respect China is supreme.

How is it that the world's poorest country has turned into the most honourable, most confident, most hopeful country in 60 years?

Everyone says that this is a 'miracle'!

True, revolution is a miracle! The results of a revolution are miracles as well. Turkey left its revolution, beginning in 1908, unfinished in 1945. However, in the same years, China continued its national democratic revolution, which began with the establishing of the Republic in 1911, with a socialist revolution. The harvest of the revolution under the leadership of the great revolutionary Mao is stunning

The devastation that Turkey faced after leaving Atatürk's 'Successive Reforms' programme of the 1935's in 1945 is terrifying.

The Hope of Humanity

The administration of the Communist Party of China, governing China at present, asserts that they are in the first phase of socialism. True, socialism always has a little bit of capitalism in it. Distribution relations of socialism formulated as 'distribution according to work done' is also the distribution relations of capitalism. The distribution relations that will be achieved in socialism is 'distribution according to need'. Consequently, socialism inevitably contains the danger of a return to capitalism. In this respect, the experiences of the Soviet Union and of Eastern Europe are instructive. Throughout the entire period of socialism the struggle between two classes and two paths will continue. In other words, the society will face the contradiction of whether it will move towards socialism or return to capitalism. An administration relying on labourers will move forward by resolving the contradictions in the systems of ownership and distribution and in the field of culture.

Remarkable Ideological Victory

China faces these contradictions and above all, this country, under the administration of the Communist Party,

is the hope of humanity everywhere in the world, from Greece to Germany. It is seen as the cure for every incurability.

This is a remarkable ideological victory. It is a historical event that proves the superiority of socialism. Socialism has turned the most backward, into the biggest hope. No matter what direction China takes, history will confirm this. China's contribution to the history of humanity is magnificent. China has beaten all the enemies of humanity and everyone respects this great achievement. Only those narrow-minded 'socialists' who got stuck in the 19th Century are not aware of the situation.

The Revolution the World Lives Through

China's 60-year adventure does not belong only to China; it is an adventure of the whole humanity. The world is living through a great revolution through China's revolution.

The Oppressed World of the past has become the Developing World of the present. The poor of the past are the honourable peoples of today. In the last half century, the Chinese Revolution has been the leader in this great event.

The Developing World and the Oppressed World

An article I have read recently explained the present world with the political polarization of the Oppressor Oppressed World.

Until recently, this was true. However, we cannot define those opposing the imperialist states with the term 'Oppressed World' any more. Workers' Party (Turkey) asserted this fact years ago and divided the world opposing imperialism into two: the Developing World and the Oppressed World.

Analyse the flow of loans and capital in the world. The flow is from China towards the US and other advanced capitalist countries. Europe is begging for loans from China. Development, technological advances, creativeness in art and culture, all of these are seen in the Developing World represented by China. And the poor and oppressed countries of Asia and Africa are resisting imperialism by cooperating with the Developing World and are trying to join the Developing World. Turkey is actually the most hopeful country among them.

Those Who Look Up To Europe Are Mistaken About the Age They Are Living In

The advanced capitalist countries lost their 19th Century position of being the location of revolutions already at the beginning of the 20th Century. The centre of the World Revolution had shifted to the Oppressed World, as asserted by Lenin, Atatürk and Mao. This assertion has proven true. Those, who look up to Europe, are still expecting something from the European working class. This is something beyond anachronism, it is a hundred years' mistake.

Nowadays, the main force in the struggle against the imperialist system is the Developing World originating from the Oppressed World. The BRICS countries, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, were living in Medieval conditions at the beginning of the 20th century. Today, these countries are not a part of the Oppressed World, but are Developing Countries and they are getting a grip in the world economy.

The main force in the struggle against imperialism is the Developing World and their allies who are still a part of the Oppressed World. The driving force of humanity is not the social classes of the US, Europe or Japan; the driving force of humanity is the peoples of the Developing and Oppressed World, their labouring classes taking the lead.

The Dynamics in the Foundation of Turkey

Today, Turkey has the most pro-American administration in Turkish history as its government. But world dynamics are urging even this administration which has become a tool under the dictatorship of hot money, to cooperate with China especially while it is struggling with a "crusade".

The place of Atatürk's Turkey is in the forefront of the Developing World. The vanguard revolutions of the 20th century occurred in Russia (1905 and 1917), in Turkey (1908 and 1920), in Iran (1907 1909), in Mexico (1910), and in China (1911 and 1949). These countries had an imperial heritage. Except Turkey, these countries are the vanguards of humanity today. Turkey is looking for its revolutionary stance which it has lost.

Turkey is on the Verge of a Historical Decision

Turkey's present status of having become a tool in the hands of imperialism does not fit in with its other aspects; therefore it will not last. Even CIA, in its 21st century analysis, asserts that Turkey is positioning itself along with China, Russia and Iran.

The aggressive threats of the Tayyip Erdoğan-Abdullah Gül administration against Syria have placed Turkey face to face with a historical decision.

The people of Turkey will overthrow the Hot Money Dictatorship of the US, and Turkey will take its place in the forefront of the rising Asian civilization.

Huan yi Xi-Yingping tunci!

Welcome, friend Xi-Yingping!

Welcome to the country of your strategic ally of the 21st century.

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An article by Doğu Perinçek, Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey). This article was published in Doğu Perinçek's column in the daily newspaper Aydınlık (Clarity) on 23 February 2012.

GERMANY MOVES TOWARDS CHINA AND RUSSIA

The World is experiencing a very significant process. Germany is breaking away from the USA and moving towards China and Russia. This is not a superficial political choice; there are driving forces beneath this phenomenon.

Moreover; Germany is in a leading position in this rapprochement. Take no notice of Sarkozy; France is fundamentally De Gaulle's France and its direction is also towards emerging Asia.

China has always been ready to welcome them with open arms. Russia has already connected Germany and the East through pipelines.

Economic relations between Western Europe and Russia & China have reached an irreversible point. Western Europe who came under the control of the USA after World War II, is now converging with its mainland. Eurasia (Europe + Asia) which was considered a single continent in the ancient World is now gradually reintegrating.

Interdependence or a Struggle for Hegemony?

I do not consider the “interdependence theory” which suggests that all developed countries from USA and EU to China, Russia and India are all inter-dependent, realistic. Yes, there are certain aspects of dependence, however, in the final analysis, imperialism is a struggle for hegemony among developed countries, which is performed by using force. Capitalism is a competition among a large number of capital owners and at the same time, a struggle between classes which are organized in the form of states. Moreover; what we are witnessing today is not only a struggle for hegemony among imperialist states, it is also a struggle between the declining Atlantic Alliance and the rising Asian countries which signify independence, public and populist economy.

“Ultra Imperialism” theories sometimes become popular; however, great wars are the nature of imperialism. In the event of a single imperialism left in the World, it will no more be imperialism.

Comparison Between the Atlantic and Asia

The Atlantic has grown old.
Asia is young.

The Atlantic is tired.
Asia is fresh.

The Atlantic is pessimistic.
Asia is optimistic.

The supporters of the Atlantic also acknowledge these facts as well as Asians. Germany's former Chancellor

Helmut Schmidt analysed this process in early 2000's in his book titled *The Powers of the Future* (Die Mächte der Zukunft). He is one of the brains of German capital.

Germany, who is the most energetic of the capitalist countries, sees the collapse of the Atlantic Axis and looks for a new “living space” (Lebensraum). Hitler tried to achieve this with a strong hand under the motto of *Forcing the East* (Drang nach Osten). Germany has taken a lesson from that experience and also does not have the capacity to use force anymore. Germany is now approaching towards the East by extending a friendly hand. So much so that, it is inclining towards east even internally. Chancellor **Merkel** is from East Germany and has lately assigned another East German as President, **Joachim Gauck**.

The Question That USA Faces Is Also Faced by the Whole World

How is the USA going to respond to the rise of Asia? Will they choose to wage war against Asia or to withdraw into their shell and face a civil war?

The World is faced with this question.

This question concerns particularly China, Russia and India and it certainly concerns the Central Asia and the Middle East which is the centre of competition in the World.

China follows the policy of “surpassing the US in a peaceful way” and she certainly is doing her job well! But, how long will this “peaceful competition” be allowed? That will be determined by the USA.

The policies China developed in the past used to aim at extending the period of peace, whereas she has now begun to develop resistance policies. This is a very significant change!

Turkish Tycoons

Speaking of Turkish tycoons, hand in hand with the Atlantic who pushed Turkey to the waiting-room of the European Union; now, this EU is on its way towards Asia!

And the Tayyip Erdoğan-Abdullah Gül administration, urged by the USA, is forcing Turkey to participate in a war against Syria. They are in a very difficult situation.

Responsibility of the People's Forces

We, the people's forces, who are determined to re-establish Turkey on the principles of the Kemalist Revolution, have arrived at a historical and strategic point now.

Let us define that turning point:

- Asia is growing.
- Asia is resisting against USA on the fronts of Syria, Iran and Iraq.
- The Atlantic Axis is splitting off; Germany declares her love to Asia.

If, under these convenient conditions; Turkey becomes a tool in US hands against Syria, under the dictatorship of Erdogan-Gül, the co-presidents of US-made Greater Middle East Project, we -the vanguards of the country- will be responsible. Our first mission is to overthrow the current Hot Money Dictatorship which is turning into a fascist regime.

All the patriotic, progressive and populist forces of Turkey should be on the alert. We are calling on everyone who defends Turkey's interests.

Firstly; we shall overcome the pessimism which is not fit for the historical phase the world is passing through. We must see that the current process is clearing Turkey's way. We must be ready to leave the defensive position and to gradually assume an offensive position.

Creating a government alternative is the first step to success.

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A press statement made by Hasan Basri Özbey, Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey), on 26 February 2012.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS' PARTY (TURKEY) DECLARES: NEITHER CAPTIVITY NOR FASCISM CAN RESTRAIN OUR RESOLUTION!

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party (Turkey), convened today in Ankara and protested the sentence given to the Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey), Doğu Perinçek due to the defence speech he made in court, during the proceedings of the case known as “Ergenekon”, built on a plot concocted by the ruling pro-US & Islamist forces. Below you will find the statement made by Hasan Basri Özbey, the Vice-Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey), in the press conference after the Central Committee meeting:

The Right of Defence Has Been Violated

The privilege of self-defence meets with punishment in the 'Ergenekon Case'.

On the 24th of February 2012, Doğu Perinçek, the Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey) was sentenced to 2 years, 2 months and 7 days of imprisonment because of the words he used in his plea.

So, the prison sentences given to Doğu Perinçek due to his defence in court reached 20 years. There is yet another pendant 20 years of imprisonment connected with the continuing cases.

There are also many on-going investigations on his pleas for other cases. This was not sufficient for The judges of the “Special Court”; they banned him from participating in the hearings for 16 sessions, namely 4 months, as well. His attorney was also banned from attending the hearings until the end of the case.

The Price of Defending Turkey

Perinçek, who has been held in a prison cell for months, is not defending himself but Turkey in the court. This is “his crime”.

These are not the rulings of the Turkish judiciary. In a country guided by imperialism, rule of law is out of the question. The law practiced is the fascist law of the Gladio.

The Supreme Committee of Judges and Attorneys (SCJA) Is Also “Special”

All these rulings concerning Doğu Perinçek have been signed by the judges recently appointed to the “new” SCJA by Erdoğan & Gül.

The truth of the matter is: Perinçek's imprisonment was a part of a plot which is a vile operation carried out against the national forces of Turkey. He has been in prison for four years now.

Every claim, every allegation has been refuted in the continuing 'Ergenekon Case'. It is no more possible to declare any punishment on these.

Therefore, other penalties are required to prolong Perinçek's imprisonment.

This is one of the reasons for the prison sentences declared on his pleas.

We Repeat Perinçek's Words

As the Central Committee of the Workers' Party (Turkey), we protest this iniquity aiming at Doğu Perinçek , the Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey).

Never forgetting that the main target of the attacks aiming at Perinçek is Turkey, we repeat every word Perinçek said and we put our signatures under them.

We will strongly respond to this attack targeting our Chairman, our freedom, our laws and Turkey by using our right of self defence.

Workers' Party (Turkey) is on duty!

Workers' Party (Turkey) will continue to defend Turkey.

Neither captivity nor fascism can restrain our resolution!

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*An article by Prof. Dr. Semih Koray, Deputy Chairman of the Workers' Party (Turkey) and Chairman of the International Relations Bureau. This article was published in Prof. Dr. Semih Koray's column in the daily newspaper *Aydınlık* (Clarity) on 9 September 2011.*

MISSILE DEFENCE SHIELD: HOW TO START A WAR IN ASIA MINOR

The Missile Defence Shield is an important tool to begin a war in Asia Minor and to involve Turkey in this war on behalf of the USA. Shielding Israel against Iran will open the way for the aggression of Israel. It is doubtlessly correct to say that the Missile Defence Shield will be good for nothing else than risking Turkey's security on behalf of Israel's security. But this statement does not sufficiently show the dangers it might cause for Turkey. The Missile Defence Shield is not a shield against the missiles thrown on Turkey; but almost the only way to turn Turkey into a target for missiles

An attack against Iran is the common aim of the US and Israel. When Obama took over the government, the only difference of opinion between Israel and the USA on this issue, was the timing of the attack. While the Israeli Intelligence announced that Iran was to finalize the production of nuclear weapons within a year; the USA's projection of this period was five years. Israel did not strive to conceal its savagery against the Palestinian people in the attack against Gaza. It will not be wrong to say that one of the goals of this open savagery was to provoke Iran to an intervention. The aim was to prepare a *fait accompli* Iran-Israel war for Obama; and thus to impose Israel's agenda on the USA.

That the USA has not made an armed intervention to Iran yet, can only be a regrettable state for Israel. Israel is constantly reminding the world that they will hit the nuclear plants of Iran when they consider it necessary. What checks Israel is that Iran will not leave such an attack unanswered and that because of the difficult conditions the West is in, Israel cannot rely on the support of the West.

The Missile Defence Shield, in these circumstances, is a relief for the USA and Israel. If Iran draws back from a retaliation against Israel due to Turkey's position, it will encourage the aggressiveness of Israel. Besides, if such an attack leads to a military operation of Iran against Turkey, it would not be an undesirable outcome; on the contrary, it would be a very desirable one. This desire is so strong that it may even lead "others" to stage a sham attack "from Iran" even if Iran herself does not attempt it. If it happens that one of those Shahab missiles, which are claimed not to be very accurate in hitting the target, succeeds somehow to surpass the missile defence shield and hits a settlement in Turkey; a *fait accompli* will be created resulting in dragging the Turkish Armed Forces into war against Iran on behalf of NATO.

This scenario does not conflict with the US manoeuvres to push the Turkish government, i.e. their dear partners in the 'Greater Middle East Project' towards Palestine while pushing away Iran and Syria; these two plans are actually, complimentary. The difficult conditions the USA and the Western Europe are in and the fact that Israel is facing the severest polarization in its history make it all the more a necessity to be alert to *fait accomplis* as a result of the developments in the political situation evolving around Syria, Iran and the Missile Defence Shield.

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In March 2012, Workers' Party (Turkey) sent a letter to parliamentarians, to the chairmen of political parties, trade unions and mass organizations with the aim of establishing a front against the intervention of the US imperialism and its collaborators to Syria.

The letter is below:

The US, pursuing its plans for the Greater Middle East Project, is pushing Turkey into fire against our friendly neighbour, Syria.

Turkey's military intervention to Syria as a gendarme and the subcontractor of the US paves the way to possible similar interventions to Turkey. The peoples of all countries have the right to determine their regimes and governments.

The wars against Iraq and Afghanistan and now similar intentions for Syria are imperialist crusading wars. Turkey will not take part in this crusading mission towards the Muslim world.

The U.S. attacks against Syria, in fact, have been targeting Turkey as well.

Turkey also is the target of the US aggression towards Syria.

The territorial integrity and security of Syria is Turkey's territorial integrity and security. Civil war in Syria means civil conflict and chaos in Turkey. It will pave the way for sectarian strife on ethnic and religious grounds.

Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria, sharing a common fate with each other, are brotherly and neighboring countries. If Turkey allows herself to be used by the US against Syria, this will mess up everything from economy to civil peace.

Being a tool in this military operation means division, economic collapse, civil conflict and a fascist dictatorship for Turkey.

We have already started to feel deeply the consequences of allowing Turkish territory to be used as a base for destructive activities against Syria and some Turkish state departments to be pulled into these activities within the last year.

Economic and commercial activities of Turkey with Syria and the Middle East over Syria have come to a halt. Turkish cities near the Syrian border, such as Gaziantep, Urfa, Hatay, Iskenderun, have been suffering heavy economic loss.

Our people, especially those living close to the border region, are in deep concern. Our people want peace and security. Our people want continuation and development of trade of the countries in the region.

In the past, the rejection of 1st March memorandum which was brought to the Turkish Parliament for

permission to US intervention into Iraq via Turkish territory, was a major source of pride and happiness for our country as well as an increased prestige for Turkey in the region.

We, Workers' Party (Turkey), believe in joint resistance of all the patriotic forces who wish peace, in support of our people's desire for peace and security to invalidate and frustrate this provocation and arrangements which put Turkey directly in the target.

This joint struggle naturally will aim;

- Putting an end to the aggressive rhetoric against Syria and stopping destructive activities,
- Normalizing our relations, the mutual termination of sanctions, and resuming economic and commercial relations,
- Ending sectarian instigations,
- Shutting down the terrorist camps aimed at Syria, the deportation of the terrorists,
- Providing a suitable environment for the asylum seekers to return home in safety through negotiations and stopping the construction of a new camp in Kilis.

Our detailed proposal is as follows:

1- Organizing joint mass meetings and press statements in Kilis, Gaziantep and Hatay on Saturday and Sunday, 7-8th of April 2012.

Through this activity we aim:

- a. To ensure the participation of the sensitive sections of the society and the local mass organizations in the region,
 - b. To ensure the participation of sensitive parliamentarians and public figures, political parties, trade unions and mass organizations
- 2- Creating a joint venture board.

We, Workers' Party (Turkey), are ready to mobilize all our resources to implement the decisions the Venture Board takes.

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