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## The Anti-Imperialist Network for European Social Forum in Istanbul

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On 29-30-31 January in Berlin, it was held the European Preparatory Assembly of the European Social Forum (EFS) that will be in Istanbul from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The Party of CARC is interested in the initiative, which will be joined by wide masses, in particular because it takes place in Turkey, where the revolutionary mobilization of the masses is extensive and advanced, as we may see already in the ESF preparatory phase.

The party of CARC does not participate in EFS, because this does not allows the participation of parties. However, we have knowledge of the process thanks to reports by comrades of Struggling Workers Union (SLL), Proletarian Solidarity Association (ASP) and of the Publishing House *Rapporti Sociali*, who took part in it.

They report the ferment of masses' mobilization against oppression, fascism, racism, imperialism, chauvinism, that in Turkey and North Kurdistan extends and expresses itself today in advanced mode in the struggle of workers of TEKEL and in the resistance of the Kurdish people against Turkish state repression.

In Turkey and North Kurdistan, the mobilization of the masses can articulate, to extend and to express in this EFS as well, due to the existence of political anti-imperialist, revolutionary and communist formations, some of which are looking for new answers to the problems the communist movement of the last century has left unresolved.

All this weighs in this EFS and in its organizational center in Turkey. It is therefore a Social Forum in which the anti-imperialist connotation is stronger than in all the previous ones. This too is a sign of the rebirth of the international communist movement.

We therefore invite all organizations active in defending the rights and interests of the masses, who struggle to defend workers, to defend the environment, to empower women and youth, for peace, against imperialism, fascism, racism, and war, to take part in the Social Forum in Istanbul, to bring their contribution and to experience the rebirth of the communist movement and the movement of struggle of the masses in the world.

Within the Social Forum there are several networks on specific issues. Here there is the report of the Anti-Imperialist Network, one of those which was attended by comrades of ASP, SSL, and Publishing House *Rapporti Sociali*.

### **Report of the anti-imperialist network meeting**

Our network was attended by 20 representatives from Germany, Greece, Turkey, Kurdistan, Italy and Austria. We discussed and agreed on our aims and some political messages regarding actual issues.

### **Aims of the Anti-imperialist Network**

We, the components of the Anti-imperialist Network, form an integral part of the European Social Forum process. Gathering in Berlin, as part of the European Preparatory Assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> of January, we outlined the basic points of our common work inside the ESF, such as:

- To promote *anti-imperialist* and *anti-capitalist resistance* worldwide (Resistances of the oppressed peoples, as well as popular and class-based resistances) and to emphasize these topics inside the ESF process.
- To discuss the *experiences* of the working class and laboring peoples' struggles in face of the world crisis of capitalism and revolutionary *alternatives*.

- To contribute the development of an *internationalist anti-imperialist struggle* unity among the movements of different countries.
- To promote the *participation* of all the anti-imperialist movements of Middle East, Balkans, Caucasus, North Africa, Latin America and other countries to the Istanbul ESF.
- To gather an *Anti-imperialist Assembly* within the Istanbul ESF, bringing together subjects of the anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist, anti-fascist and anti-colonial struggles of the region and the world.

### **Political messages of the Network:**

- We denounce the policy of Berlusconi's government in **Italy**, that is promoting racism and fascism politically, organizationally and economically, firstly against migrants, then against leftist, struggling workers, gay and all marginalized people. Opposing this policy is a matter regarding all Europeans interested in democracy, anti-racism and antifascism.
- In particular, we propose to support the **international migrant strike** called “*24 hours without us*” planned on **1<sup>st</sup> March**, interesting many countries and also Italy, after the clashes between migrants on one side and criminal organization and police on the other in Rosarno, in Calabria.
- We condemn the EU measures against **Greece**, that will worsen dramatically the life of the people of Greece. We support the laboring people of Greece who reject to pay the bill of the economical crisis.
- We are deeply concerned by the catastrophe of the earthquake in **Haiti** which cost 150.000 – mostly poor– lives. But we also express our anger towards the opportunistic way USA takes advantage of the tragedy by militarizing Haiti and preventing other rescue teams to reach the victims of the earthquake. We consider this move as part of the same imperialist strategy which has perpetrated the coup d’Etat in **Honduras**, activated military bases in **Colombia** in order to prepare an open attack against **Venezuela**.
- We condemn the oppression against the nations that struggle for their independence, such as the Basque Country, Western Sahara, Tamil Eelam, Palestine, Iraq and Kurdistan, among others.
- We denounce the lynch attack waged against the Popular Front members who are making a campaign against US military bases under the name “USA go home, this is our homeland” in

Turkey and declare our solidarity with this campaign, and demand the release of 5 students imprisoned during this campaign.

-We denounce the frequent lynch attacks going on in Turkey, against Kurdish population, Gypsies, revolutionaries, and we stress that the Turkish state is responsible for these attacks.

-We protest the arrest and imprisonment of 1500 Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) members including 11 elected representatives (mayors) of the Kurdish people by the Turkish government and we demand their immediate release. Also we demand the end to the repression over the Kurdish children who are being judged with heavy prison sentence demands. We declare that we are in solidarity with the Kurdish people and Kurdish activists.

-We emphasize that *isolation* in the prisons (like F type prisons in Turkey or Stammheim prison in Germany) is a form of attack of imperialism against resisting peoples, and the struggle against isolation is the duty of all anti imperialists and progressive people. We stress the importance of unity in struggle against isolation like in the example of Güler Zere.

-We salute the resistance of the TEKEL workers in **Turkey**, who are fighting against the results of the imperialist neoliberal program, and declare our solidarity to the general strike of 3rd February.

-We call for solidarity with **Indian** people's resistance against the war waged by Indian Union against them, a war begun covertly in latest years and planned to be carried out widely and openly with the name "*Operation Green Hunt*" on next March. Such war is an attack against 100 millions of people. It will also result in a huge environmental disaster, because this war is aimed to clear the territory from the people living there in order to give it to the domestic and foreign companies that want to exploit its resources.

-We denounce the US imperialist aggression and occupation in **Afghanistan** and Obama government's policy to send new troops to this country.

-We denounce the blockade and silent genocide going on in the Gaza region of **Palestine**, calling all anti-imperialist forces to find means to overcome this blockade and raise solidarity with the resisting Palestinian people.