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## TO THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF HOLLAND

Esteemed Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends fraternal greetings to the delegates of the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of Holland.

The Communist Party of Holland is fighting for the strengthening of peace and security, for the democratic rights of the working people, including the foreign workers in Holland, and for social progress and socialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes the Communist Party of Holland renewed successes in this struggle and sends best wishes to its 26th Congress.

With Communist greetings,

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## IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY, MUSTAFA SUPHI AND 14 COMRADES

Party organisations, in and outside the country, organisations of workers, progressive students and intellectuals, youth, women and professional associations held memorial meetings on the 57th anniversary of the treacherous murder of the founder of the TKP, Mustafa Suphi, Ethem Nejat and 13 comrades. They were murdered in the Black Sea by reactionaries. Meetings held in Ankara, Istanbul, İzmir, Adana, Kocaeli, Diyarbakır, Zonguldak and many other cities raised the slogans: "Freedom to the TKP", "Articles 141 and 142 must be abolished", "Suphi and Nejat are immortal, they live in our strength", "The rise of fascism must be halted, the murderers' lairs must be wiped out" and "Unite in the National Democratic Front." These meetings in memory of Mustafa Suphi and his comrades constituted a giant step forward in the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist struggle. The meetings stressed the struggle of the comrades of Mustafa Suphi, and the vanguard and organisational role in our day of the TKP, its role in the struggle for freedom, national independence, democracy, peace and socialism. They declared the necessity for all progressive, democratic and revolutionary forces to unite around the working class, under the leadership of the TKP, and to intensify the struggle against fascism, imperialism and the rule of exploitation and plunder.

Our workers, progressive students and intellectuals in Federal Germany, West Berlin, Britain, France, Belgium, Sweden and Holland also held mass meetings in memory of Mustafa Suphi and his comrades. "Weeks of Remembrance of the 15" were held in many cities. These meetings were attended by representatives of the Communist Party of Germany, the Communist Party of Greece, the Communist Parties of Chile and Portugal, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Spartacist German Students' Union. Speeches delivered at the meetings related the life and struggle of Mustafa Suphi and the great steps forward taken by the TKP in our day, under the

leadership of its General Secretary, Comrade İ. Bilen.

In Federal Germany, the "Mustafa Suphi Remembrance Week" ended with a meeting held in Essen, in the Ruhr district. The Central Committee of the TKP sent the following message to the Remembrance Committee:

## To the Mustafa Suphi Remembrance Committee

Dearest friends,

57 years ago, on the night of 28-29th of January, one of the most monstrous murders in the history of Turkey was committed. The bourgeoisie set a trap for and drowned in the Black Sea the leaders of the working class of Turkey, the founder and President of the Communist Party of Turkey, Mustafa Suphi, and 14 of our comrades on the Central Committee.

With this crime, the bourgeoisie hoped to drown in the Black Sea as well the struggle of our working people for independence, liberation and freedom in order to continue its rule of exploitation, plunder and oppression. Although the bourgeoisie succeeded in murdering Mustafa Suphi and his comrades, it did not succeed in destroying or defeating the programme of liberation which they had prepared or the Communist Party of Turkey which they had bequeathed to our working class and people. In these 57 years Mustafa Suphi and his comrades grew to become giants. They lived and they are still alive today. The organisation of an evening such as yours is a living example of this fact.

Friends,

We shall never forget the support and solidarity which the vanguard organisation of the working class of Federal Germany, the fraternal Communist Party of Germany (DKP), has shown to the working class of Turkey and to the TKP, in the preparation of this evening and in every kind of struggle. This support and solidarity are living examples of proletarian internationalism.

We warmly thank once more all our brothers and friends who prepared this evening and whose efforts contributed to its success.

28 January 1978

Central Committee,  
Communist Party of Turkey

## THE STRUGGLE TO LIFT THE BAN ON THE TKP AND FOR THE ABOLITION OF ARTICLES 141 AND 142 IS GAINING STRENGTH

The bourgeoisie can no longer defend the ban which it has imposed on the TKP for half a century. The number of those who are issuing statements demanding the right of legal work for the TKP and the abolition of fascist articles 141 and 142 of the Penal Code is increasing. This question is becoming a subject of debate in the Cabinet and in the National Assembly.

During the Cabinet debate on the programme of the Ecevit government some MPs called for the abolition of articles 141 and 142. Following that, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of TUSİAD (Association of Turkish



Industrialists and Businessmen), Feyyaz Berker, and Executive Committee member, Rahmi Koç, were compelled to state that they too are for the abolition of articles 141 and 142 and for legal work of the Communist Party in Turkey. This question is also widely reflected in newspapers such as "Tercüman", "Hürriyet" and "Son Havadis", mouthpieces of the collaborating bourgeoisie.

These developments are the result of the hard struggle waged first and foremost, by the Communists, by all progressive organisations and associations, the workers' trade unions, professional associations and the progressive organisations of our workers living abroad for the lifting of the ban on the political party of the working class of Turkey and for the removal from the Turkish penal code of the fascist articles 141 and 142.

All these show that the TKP is progressively developing, it is winning the confidence of the masses and its slogans are being adopted.

The collaborating bourgeoisie has lost the power to curb this development and is seeking new methods to subject the communist movement to its control. Writers, such as Metin Toker, who have connections with MİT (the National Intelligence Agency) and the CIA, are already proposing the formation of several communist parties. They are not hiding the fact that they are staging provocations to split the communist movement. They are calling on MİT to take even more desperate action. They say: "Let them come out into the open and we'll see how strong they are."

What renders the TKP so strong is the fact that it is the militant vanguard party of the working class, the fact that it is fighting relentlessly for the national interests of our people and to solve their pressing problems. The TKP is determined to achieve victory in the struggle for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

The TKP will seize legality without giving the slightest concession from its Leninist principles and without kneeling before the bourgeoisie.

### THE SATELLITE POLICY MUST END

A few days after the Ecevit government received a vote of confidence in the National Assembly, the American Secretary of State, Vance, came to Ankara. He held discussions with Ecevit and with other government authorities. The discussions centred on questions such as Turkish-American co-operation, Cyprus and the strengthening of NATO. In a press conference later, both Ecevit and Vance said that they were satisfied with the discussions. Ecevit said, "We want the development of co-operation with America in the military sphere." Vance pointed to the strategic importance of Turkey and stated the necessity to strengthen NATO and to increase arms expenditures.

All these show that the Ecevit government, whose programme declares that the so-called security of Turkey can be ensured within the aggressive NATO alliance, will increase arms expenditures and follow the policy of a satellite of imperialism. The circles which said, "We have closed the American bases" are trying to hide from public opinion the fact that these bases of aggression are operating. Planes flying from them are conducting spy flights in our border regions with our neighbours. Recently, one such spy plane of the USA, a U-21, came down in the Sinop area. Turkish and

American army officers threatened journalists wanting to take pictures with their guns. Later the plane's "black box" was secretly sent to America.

This reveals that the government — a government which does not even mention the existence of more than 100 enslaving bilateral agreements which make our country a satellite of imperialism, first and foremost, of American imperialism — this government conceives remaining in NATO as the ensuring of security. NATO burdens our people with heavy arms expenditures and equips our land with launching sites for nuclear warheads. Remaining in NATO means possibilities, not for ensuring the so-called security of Turkey, but for dragging the country into new adventures. NATO circles come first and foremost among those preventing the solution of the Cyprus problem.

As the TKP has said many times before, our country cannot overcome its crises, cannot ensure peace in our region and genuine security without leaving the economic, political and military organisations of imperialism, without dismantling their bases on our land, without revoking the enslaving bilateral agreements, without ending the plunder of local and foreign monopolies, carrying out a democratic land reform and developing friendly cooperation, based on mutual interest, with the socialist countries. Our people demand such a policy of national security.

### OUR PEOPLE DEMAND DECISIVE MEASURES AGAINST FASCIST ATTACKS

After the fall of the reactionary-fascist government, fascist commandos, MİT and hired murderers intensified their bloody, nationwide assault against progressive forces, communists, socialists and even members of the Republican People's Party. From Kars to Edirne and İzmir, in every corner of the country, blood is being spilled and people are being murdered. According to statements issued, in a period of 20 days more than 50 of our compatriots were murdered by the bullets of fascist commandos and MİT. Hundreds more were wounded.

After the Ecevit government received its vote of confidence, the fascists, with the support of the police, launched violent attacks in Gaziantep, Malatya and Siverek. They sowed death everywhere. Later fascists killed a teacher and wounded many of our compatriots in Kars. In the second half of January, Barış Yıldırım, a member of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), and Mecit Bulut, a member of the Istanbul Zeytinburnu Community Centres (Halkevler), were shot dead in Istanbul by fascist commandos and Maoists. Another young person, a member of İGD, was shot and seriously wounded. Commando attacks continued without letup in Ankara, İzmir, Adana, Niğde, Diyarbakır, Erzurum, Trabzon and other provinces, towns and villages of the country. In many cases, the buildings of progressive organisations and associations, including the Republican People's Party, were destroyed by explosives. Bombs were also thrown at the homes of progressive MPs and personalities of art and science. Maoist provocateurs also played their part in these bomb attacks.

All these show that, after the fall of the government of reactionary-fascist forces, and with the exposure of the activities of the criminal organisations MİT, the CIA and Counter-Guerrilla, the reactionary-fascist



forces, hand in hand with Maoist groups, are accelerating their activities to prepare the atmosphere for a fascist coup. For this reason, our people and the progressive organisations are demanding that the Ecevit government take decisive measures to put an end to violent attacks, ensure the security of life, wipe out the fascist lairs, punish the guilty, disperse organisations of crime and torture such as Counter-Guerrilla and close down the Nationalist Action Party, the source of the violent attacks. Progressive organisations are criticising the inadequacy of government measures against the attacks. In İstanbul, 13 democratic organisations, in İzmir, 45 democratic and trade union organisations organised mass demonstrations against the fascist commandos. These and people's demonstrations in Ankara, Gaziantep, Malatya and other cities are concrete examples of this criticism. The TKP is fighting with all its strength for these democratic, anti-fascist demands of the people. The TKP calls the left wing of the Republican People's Party, the socialist parties which support unity, the progressive forces, the broad working masses, the patriotic enlisted men, officers and non-commissioned officers, all national and democratic forces to a unity of action and to a front against the mounting attack of foreign and domestic reaction.