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## APPEAL

The Communist Party of Turkey resolutely condemns and protests the cowardly aggression of the Chinese hegemonists against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey declares its solidarity, shoulder to shoulder with the heroic people and communists of Vietnam, in the struggle against this attack by the Peking reactionaries, the tools of US imperialism.

With this attack, the Chinese reactionaries are violating the national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Vietnam. The principal aim of their attack is to weaken the south eastern fortresses of world socialism and to sabotage peace in the region and in the world. With this attack, the Peking government is showing its hostility to socialism, to peace and to the national liberation movement. In this way, it is criminally violating the fundamental principles of international relations.

This attack is a concrete consequence of the alliance formed between China and American imperialism and the ringleaders of NATO. That Teng Hsiao-Ping's visit to Washington is connected with imperialist plans is once again confirmed by the attack on Vietnam. US imperialism and, with the overthrow of the bloody Pol Pot regime, the Chinese hegemonists as well, want to regain the positions they have lost in the region. The Peking aggressors, just as the Hitlerites before them, are nominating themselves to become the striking force of imperialism.

As the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has stated, "The hostile policy conducted by the Peking leadership against Vietnam having ended in a fiasco, they are openly pursuing the aggressive road of the old Chinese feudal lords, the imperialists and the colonialists." With guns, tanks, and blood, the militarist Peking leadership is carrying out its plans for expansion and the formation of the Great Khan state. Those who until recently cut the figure of a so-called "protector" of small states, are today speaking with the airs of Chinese emperors about "punishing" Vietnam.

This attack further exposes the true face of the Maoists in our country. The Maoists in Turkey are the agents, the fifth column of militarist, expansionist Chinese reaction in our country. Just like their masters, these lackeys of Peking are the mortal enemies of national independence. This is the essence of their anti-Soviet, anti-TKP propaganda and provocations.

In these days of difficulty for the fraternal people of Vietnam, the Communist Party of Turkey calls our people, all progressive forces and organisations to oppose the Chinese aggression and to express solidarity with Vietnam.

No one can remain silent in the face of this attack by the Peking government, which threatens world peace and carries the danger of new world war. The government of Turkey must openly denounce the Chinese aggression and declare its solidarity with Vietnam.

The Vietnamese people, victorious against French and American imperialism, will also emerge victorious from this war. The Soviet Union, the socialist

countries, the entire progressive world peoples, are at the side of the just struggle of the Vietnamese people.

The Communist Party of Turkey repeats its call: Expansionists, aggressors, Peking hegemonists! Hands off Vietnam!

Long live the solidarity and battle fraternity between our people, fighting for national independence against American imperialism, and the heroic people of Vietnam.

19 February 1979

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey

## TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

Most esteemed comrades,

On behalf of our working class and entire people, the Communist Party of Turkey resolutely condemns and vehemently protests the bloody, armed aggression of the expansionist, militarist Chinese leadership against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

This cowardly attack against the independence and territorial integrity of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is also against world peace, international security, the socialist world system, national liberation struggles and the international communist and workers' movement.

Just as they brought to their knees and drove out of their land the American imperialists, the heroic people of Vietnam shall bring to their knees and drive out of their land the Peking aggressors, the fist of imperialism today. The progressive and peace-loving forces of the entire world, the Soviet Union and socialist world system first and foremost, are at the side of the Vietnamese people in their just struggle. The people of Turkey, fighting for national independence against American imperialism, are in solidarity with the fraternal people of Vietnam. The struggle of our people is inseparable from the struggle of your people.

The unshakable comradeship-in-arms between our parties is based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, on proletarian internationalism. The Communist Party of Turkey reaffirms its militant solidarity with the fraternal Communist Party of Vietnam.

The heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people will be victorious.

I. Bilen,  
General Secretary,  
Central Committee,  
Communist Party of Turkey

19 February 1979

## OUR PEOPLE ARE AT THE SIDE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE

As in all countries, the open attack by the Maoist leadership of China against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is also being met by harsh protests in Turkey. During the demonstration against martial law, held in Izmir on

24 February and attended by tens of thousands of working people, the masses expressed their solidarity with Vietnam and shouted the slogan "Washington-Peking, hands off Vietnam!"

The **Peace Committee of Turkey** issued a statement, severely condemning the Chinese aggression and declaring that the peace-loving forces of Turkey are at the side of the heroic Vietnamese people.

The **General Executive Council of the Bank Employees' Union (Bank-Sen)**, affiliated to the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DİSK), condemned the Chinese aggression against Vietnam in a statement. The statement points out that the successes scored by the forces in the world on the side of peace, detente and disarmament, are making imperialism and the warmongering Maoist leadership of Peking frenzied, and continues: "The Vietnamese people, who gave American imperialism, the lesson it deserved, will also give the Maoist leadership of Peking, who is aiming at dragging the world into war the lesson it deserves. For the world socialist system, the peace-loving and progressive forces of the whole world are on the side of the people of Vietnam".

In a protest telegram sent by the **Progressive Youth Organisation (IGD)**, to the Chinese government, the Chinese aggression is condemned, and solidarity expressed with Vietnam.

Other progressive organisations and trade unions also issued statements expressing solidarity with the heroic people of Vietnam.

Our workers and students in the capitalist countries of Western Europe are also taking their honourable places in the solidarity campaign with Vietnam. In West Berlin, Dusseldorf, Munich, Mainz and other cities of Federal Germany, in London, Stockholm, Belgium and Paris, marches and demonstrations were organised for solidarity with the people of Vietnam. Workers, students and intellectuals from Turkey also participated in these marches. The Federation of Turkish Workers' Associations in Federal Germany (FİDEF) called on all workers from Turkey to participate actively in the solidarity and aid campaign with Vietnam.

#### **TO COMRADE HERBERT MIES, CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY**

Esteemed Comrade H. Mies,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and on my behalf, I warmly congratulate you on the occasion of your 50th birthday and convey our heartfelt, fraternal greetings.

For many years you have waged, and are still waging, a hard struggle in the front ranks of the Federal German communist movement and at the head of the German Communist Party. The communists of Turkey know you as a distinguished fighter of the international communist movement, as a communist leader who, against Federal German imperialism, under the light of the invincible teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin, persistently upholds the interests of the working class and working masses, as well as of the Turkish workers in your country.

They know well the care you display for the development and

of the struggle for national and social liberation, made a new leap forward in 1973. Deriving its strength from a firm adherence to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, from the masses and from showing them the only road of struggle for overcoming the crisis and for social progress, our party is rapidly increasing its influence in every sphere of struggle. The TKP upholds that in order to destroy the danger of fascism and overcome the crisis, it is necessary for all national democratic forces to unite in a front of struggle against fascism, imperialism and the monopolies under the leadership of the working class. It is stressing that the advanced democratic power which will grow into socialism will be established as a result of this joint struggle.

As developments confirm the correctness of the TKP's policy, greater and greater masses are lending an ear to what it says. Today, as our enemies and our friends alike admit, the TKP is effectively organised in the trade union, youth and women's movements and among all sections of the working people. It is in the process of increasing its influence among the peasants.

As a result, all manner of attacks by the bourgeoisie against our party are increasing. The TKP is becoming the prime target of the fascist terror and anti-democratic repressions. Many of our comrades, whose names we cannot reveal for reasons of secrecy, have fallen victim to fascist and Maoist murders.

Comrades and friends,

We can say with pride, that the TKP is the only organised, effective force in the democratic women's movement in our country. This is closely related to the Leninist policy of the TKP and the importance it ascribes to the question of woman.

In 1975, the progressive forces founded, for the first time in Turkey, a democratic, mass women's organisation, the Progressive Women's Organisation (İKD). As a result of the active and creative work of the communists and other progressive forces, the İKD has become, in the space of less than four years, a mass organisation with 15 thousand members. It has organised one out of every thousand women over the age of 18 in our country. This is a significant success in a country where 60% of the women are illiterate and are under intense social, religious and traditional oppression. Today, with its 60 branches and representatives, the İKD is organised throughout the country and among every section of working women. With a circulation of 25 thousand, its publication, "The Women's Voice", is among the most widely read democratic publications in our country.

Again for the first time in our country, thousands of women are participating in mass actions; women's demonstrations are being organised against fascism, unemployment, soaring prices, and for equality, peace and disarmament. These actions are spreading, not only in the big cities, but also in underdeveloped regions where feudal remnants persist. Despite Martial Law and the mounting fascist terror, women's demonstrations will be organised on 8 March in many provinces. We ascribe great importance in these mass actions, to establishing the unity of the democratic women's movement, and thereby foiling the plans of the reactionaries and opportunists to split the democratic forces.

The TKP regards the task of raising the level of political and ideological consciousness of women as one of its foremost tasks. One of the main

objectives in our ideological work is to wipe out anti-communism and anti-Sovietism, the principal tools of the imperialists and their domestic collaborators in sabotaging the struggle for socialism.

Yet another of our principal tasks in line with the Leninist principles of the TKP, is to spread the spirit of proletarian internationalism among working women.

In our work among women, the experiences, successes and solidarity of the communist parties of the socialist countries, the CPSU first and foremost, provide an indispensable contribution. Had the living examples of the socialist countries not been before us, it would have been many times more difficult to explain to the women that their emancipation is in socialism. Our experience proves that anti-Sovietism, or belittling the gains of the socialist countries, is one of the main obstacles in the path of drawing women into the struggle for equality, democracy, progress and socialism.

Esteemed comrades and friends,

What we have achieved so far is, in comparison with what we must do in order to achieve our goal, very little. The conditions prevailing in our country are making our work increasingly more difficult. Developments in our region and the deepening crisis are increasing the danger of fascism. Martial Law is imposing new anti-democratic pressures. Parallel to the development of the women's movement, fascist, Maoist and reactionary attacks against it are intensifying. Many democratic organisations and publications have been shut down. The İKD and its publication are faced with the same danger. The activities surrounding International Year of the Child included, all meetings and mass actions are subject to the permission of the Martial Law authorities, and such permission is very rarely obtained.

A striking example of the anti-democratic pressures is the banning of the İKD from joining the Women's International Democratic Federation by the government of Turkey.

Most importantly, the TKP is still illegal. As is stressed and denounced in the document of the Berlin Conference of European Communist and Workers' Parties, Turkey is the only country in Europe where the Communist Party is illegal...

...Acts against the process of detente, disarmament and world peace have intensified. We must wage a more determined, active and unified struggle against these plots hatched by the US and NATO imperialists and their new ally, the Peking leadership.

In particular, China's aggression against Socialist Vietnam has clearly shown that there is no room for vacillation on the necessity of fighting the hegemonist, militarist, and chauvinist policy of the Peking leadership.

In a message to the Communist Party of Vietnam, the TKP stated that we will support to the end their struggle against the Chinese aggression and called on our people in a statement to show their solidarity with the heroic people of Vietnam.

Recent developments show once again that our mightiest weapon is Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and that any deviation from these principles will inevitably lead to reaction and chauvinism.

Esteemed comrades and friends,

We believe that international meetings between fraternal organisations and progressive forces such as this conference, make an important contribution towards strengthening our joint struggle for equality, peace, democracy and socialism. We would therefore like to express our sincere gratitude to the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany for its initiative and hospitality.

We congratulate the SUPG on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the German Democratic Republic, and wish the people of the German Democratic Republic renewed successes under the leadership of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

Long live the unity of the world revolutionary forces!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

### TO THE PRESIDUM OF THE 2ND CONGRESS OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY (TİP)

Dear delegate friends,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets all the delegates with fraternal feelings.

Your congress is meeting at a time when the imperialist circles and Chinese hegemonists are threatening world peace and security, when American imperialism and NATO are increasing their pressures on our country, and when the fascist danger is intensifying under the conditions of Martial Law. In this situation, the problems facing our people can only be resolved by the establishment of unity of action and front by the working class and all national and democratic forces.

Today, attacks against the unity of the working class, class and mass trade unionism are intensifying. The ruling forces are fanning all manner of anti-communism, anti-Sovietism and anti-TKP'ism with all their might. The TKP is in solidarity with your party and all progressive forces in the face of these attacks, which are also directed against the TİP. Further intensification of the efforts to lift fascist articles 141 and 142 are the common task of all communists and socialists, of all progressive forces. The TKP believes that differences of opinion between our parties and legal obstacles cannot prevent unity of action.

The TKP, conscious of the historic responsibility it bears in the struggle against imperialism, fascist escalation, Martial Law and the foisting of the burden of the crisis on the backs of the working masses, is stretching out its hand to all progressive forces.

Dear delegate friends, we wish you success in your Congress.

İ. Bilen,

General Secretary,

Central Committee,

Communist Party of Turkey

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