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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Political Bureau of the CC of the Communist Party of Turkey listened at its latest meeting the report of comrade İ. Bilen, general secretary of the CC of the CPT, on the 26th Congress of the CPSU. It has approved unanimously the work of the delegation of the CPT at this Congress.

The Political Bureau evaluated the 26th Congress of the CPSU as a new historical success of the party Lenin's and of the Soviet People in constructing communism, and for the peace struggle of the people of the world. The Political Bureau is considering the participation of our party in such a forum as a great honour.

The Political Bureau of the CC of the CPT appreciates highly the principal importance of the documents and resolutions of the 26th Congress of the CPSU for the national and social liberation struggle of the working class and of the people of Turkey. These documents and resolutions are based on deep analysis of the developments in the world on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. The Political Bureau appeals to all communists and progressive forces to study carefully the documents and resolutions of the 26th Congress and to connect them organically with their struggle.

The 26th Congress has shown once more the achievements of the Soviet people in constructing communism, the role of guidance of the Communist Party in all spheres of the Soviet society, and the unbreakable tie between the party and the people.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes new and great successes to the communists of the Soviet Union and to the Soviet people in realizing the vanguard role in the universal and historical progress and the resolutions approved by the Congress.

The PB of the CC of the CPT stated that the 26th Congress of the CPSU is an important contribution for further reinforcement of the unity of the world socialist system, the communist and workers' parties of the capitalist countries and the national liberation movement. It underlined that the platform of the Congress has proved once more that the CPSU is fulfilling its historical task as the most experienced and influential force of the world communist and workers' movement.

The communists of Turkey are supporting fully the new big initiatives announced by comrade L. I. Brezhnev at the 26th Congress with regard of defending peace in Europe and in the world as the continuation of the Peace Programms approved by the 24th and 25th Congresses of the CPSU.

Today when US imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO increase their efforts to torpedo the world peace, to mount the tension and to force the arms race, the constructive proposals of the CPSU are carrying for the whole mankind a vital importance. This Congress has proven once more the vanguard role of the Soviet Union in defending peace, the most urgent problem of the humanity.

The peace proposals announced by comrade L. I. Brezhnev carry also for our country a big importance. The PB of the CC of the CPT, stating that the constructive and positive attitude of Turkey to these proposals will contribute enormously to the national security of our country, to peace and cooperation in our region under the conditions where US imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO are mounting their pressure on our country tremendously. The CPT appeals all patriots and all forces who are against the drag of our country into imperialist adventures to support the proposals of our big neighbour.

At the 26th Congress of the CPSU it was underlined once more that Soviet Union is for the development of the relations with Turkey. The development of the relations with Soviet Union which depend on equal rights and mutual benefit could be a solid base for our country in stepping out of the deep crises where the country was driven by the imperialist centres and by the foreign and local monopolies. The CPT is appealing all forces who are defending our national independence to support the development of the relations between Turkey and Soviet Union which will open wide perspectives in front of our people and country in every field.

The constructive content of the Soviet peace proposals bring once more to light that the anti-Soviet campaigns waged by the imperialists and collaborating circles are aiming to prevent the development of the relations between Turkey and Soviet Union which are lasting along 60 years.

The 26th Congress of the CPSU showed once more that there exists a unity of opinion between the CPSU and our party, and it has reinforced further the friendship and fraternity between the both parties. The CPT is considering the further reinforcement of the fraternal ties with the land and party Lenin's as an unbreakable sacred internationalist task.

16 March 1981

Political Bureau of the
Central Committee of the
Communist Party of Turkey

INTERVIEW WITH COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT, ON THE 26th CONGRESS OF THE CPSU BROADCASTED BY THE RADIO STATION "VOICE OF THE CPT"

Question: What will the 26th Congress of the CPSU bring to the Soviet people and to the people of the world?

Comrade Bilen: The 26th Congress of the CPSU is the most important historical and international event of our days. This was the magnificent congress of a communist party with 17 millions members. It was representing such a Leninist army.

The organisation of the 26th Congress as a big forum, and the report of comrade L. I. Brezhnev based on Leninism and developing Leninism creatively, and the speeches of the delegates to the Congress showed that the Soviet people are looking to the future with a much stronger security and with the Leninist conviction.

The Congress underlined once more the Leninist role of guidance of the Communist Party, its leadership in all spheres of life in the Soviet society, in construction of communism, in economy, and culture. The brilliant Leninist unity of the party, and the unbreakable unity between the party and the people is a strong reality. This event, this factor is the most solid source of strength within the Soviet society. The great respect and sympathy of all Soviet people be member or not of the party, to the CPSU, and to its Leninist leaders who went through the hardest experiences are manifesting themselves inside and outside the Congress, in the factories and everywhere. The gathering of the Soviet peoples of all republics around the Leninist party adherently is a solid factor for the successes in constructing communism, for the great achievements, for the well-being and for the sound development of the socialist democracy.

123 delegations from 109 countries have participated in the congress. Thus, the Congress has alived the ideals of proletarian internationalism once more in a very concrete form.

The participation of the CPT in this congress with a delegation carries a vast importance for our party, especially under the recent conditions of struggle for our working class and for our people.

This Congress showed that the international communist movement, and the national independence and liberation movements have gained further strength, and have developed. It has brought a new dimension to the main perspective of these movements.

The congress devoted a great attention to the policy of the CPSU followed in the international relations. It has dwelled on the further reinforcement of the world socialist system, on the solidarity among these countries basing on the Leninist principles. The uninterrupted strengthening of the countries which have overthrown the yoke of imperialism, colonialism and reaction was stated.

Comrade L. I. Brezhnev underlined at the very beginning of his report one event especially: "Today, there is not a more important task for our party, for our people and for the people of our planet in the international sphere than to defend peace."

This congress will affect the international developments deeply. The deep interest in the world public opinion to the new proposals brought by the Congress in defending peace and continuation of detente are proving this. The CPT is supporting these proposals with all its efforts.

There are two tendencies and two roads in the world on the political sphere which are contradicting. The first one is to curb the arms race, to reduce the armaments, to annihilate the mass destruction weapons, to strengthen peace, to continue detente, and to defend the rights of the peoples to sovereignty and freedom. The Soviet Union is leading this struggle, this tendency. This is followed by all socialist countries altogether.

The other one is torpedoing detente, firing up the arms race, mounting the tension, provoking confrontations and trying to stir up new hotbeds of tension. This tendency is led by the expansionist US imperialism and its most militarist, inhuman and reactionary circles. These circles are interfering rudely into the internal affairs of other nations and intending to suppress the national liberation movement brutally. These despots are deploying medium range nuclear missiles to Western Europe and to NATO-countries. They are imposing the neutron bomb on them. The US administration is increasing its military spendings for the next year by 20% and upto 220 billions dollars. The American commander

of chief of NATO, Rogers, has demanded that all NATO countries should increase their military budgets in very high rates.

The expansionist American circles in Middle East and the Reagan administration are concentrating in the Middle East. From Indian Ocean and Red Sea, and including the territory of Turkey, to the Eastern Mediterranean they are trying to build aggressive bases as well as to equip the elder ones by more efficient new weapons.

This tendency of the imperialist circles is creating the danger of burning our country in the hell of a nuclear war, since Turkey is bound to NATO, and because the role of the outpost of NATO is imposed on Turkey. Since our people are suppressed by the military dictatorship and since the freedom to fight against this danger and to defend peace has been limited extremely, this dependence will bring more ruining results to Turkey.

Question: What is the importance of the 26th Congress of the CPSU for Turkey and for our people?

Comrade Bilen: To answer this question, let us take concrete events and investigate them.

Last month in our Eastern provinces and at the Soviet border the landing war manoeuvres of NATO forces took place. This imperialist demonstration of strength was just before the 26th Congress of the CPSU. This can not be regarded as coincidence. Further, Soviet Union has always invited the representatives of the Turkish armed forces as observers for its manoeuvres in the Caucasus. They have taken part in them and watched them. But those who have brought the war units of USA, Britain, Federal Germany and Italy into Sankamış, into the plain of Pasin and Palandöken, did not invited the Soviet officers to the manoeuvres as observers, an attitude usual until now. This position is contradicting with the good willing and peaceful position of our neighbour Soviet Union.

At the 26th Congress, comrade Brezhnev renewed and developed his proposals on mutual steps in confidence-building measures. He has underlined that this could include whole Europe. This constructive proposal is carrying a vast importance for the national security of Turkey.

Besides, Soviet Union has declared several times that it will not use nuclear weapons against those countries who are not deploying them on their territory. It has declared its readiness to sign treaties of nonaggression and friendship with all countries which are ready to accept this. These proposals are also made to Turkey.

These peace and friendship proposals of our great neighbour are very concrete and practical proves which are refuting the lie of the so-called "Soviet threat" which is used and spread by imperialism. Moreover, a prime-minister has stated openly that there is no threat to our country from the Soviet Union when General Evren was the general staff.

There is the "Political Document" between Turkey and Soviet Union which was signed again at that period. At the 26th Congress it is announced once more that Soviet Union is intending to develop the relations of good neighbourliness with Turkey.

While the situation is like this, Pentagon is increasing its pressure in order to use our territory for imperialist interests. Before, the US imperialists were flying

the U-2 spionage planes from the İncirlik base. Now, they are deploying a much more modern type of them, the AWACS to Konya. The ruling circles of NATO are forcing Turkey to increase the military expenditures and to fire up the arms race. To choose such a way means to ignore the national interests and to daunt in front of imperialism to drag our country into collapse.

However, to pay attention to the peace programme of the Soviet Union is for the benefit of our people, and this is coinciding with our national independence and security.

The ruling generals claim that they are "kemalists". To bow in front of imperialist impositions is consistent neither with kemalism nor with national honour. Atatürk has fought against the imperialist interventors and for national independence and national sovereignty. He fought that no imperialist boots could trample our national honour. He led the struggle of our people for these aims. Therefore he was a patriotic commander.

During those days of life and death, Atatürk has applied to Lenin and to the young Soviet state. The friendship relations between Turkey and Soviet Union are established in such an atmosphere and under such hard conditions. On 16 March 1921 Turkey and Soviet Union have signed the treaty of "Friendship and Fraternity" despite to all provocations of the imperialists and of the inner reaction. The first Parliament of Turkey has approved this treaty with a big enthusiasm. This document and this historical event made a very strong source of force for the victory of our national liberation struggle.

On those days Atatürk in the parliament said: "We are the friend of Russia. Because, the country which has firstly recognized our national rights and which has respected our rights is Russia."

Anybody can wipe these events out of the memory of our people. Now we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of this treaty. This date is a sacred one for the communists, for the working class, for our people and for all patriots. Soviet Union has held his friendly hand to Turkey and it has never taken it back.

Republic of Turkey is coexisting since 60 years with Soviet Union sharing common borders. The Soviets have helped to our national liberation struggle with everything, money, arms etc. Then they have supported the development of our industry, especially of the heavy industry. This is an aid which is based on equal rights, national interests and mutual benefit. The Soviet Union has never put political conditions which are hurting and ignoring our national honour with regard of this aid.

Immediately after the 26th Congress a Soviet delegation came to Turkey in the framework of the mutual treaties. This delegation has brought proposals to widen the heavy industry enterprises which were built with the help of Soviet Union such as the steel factory in İskenderun, the aluminium factory in Seydişehir, and the petroleum refinery in İzmir. There are new plans on building and developing many spheres of the heavy industry. All these industrialization aid is delivered with very low rated long term credits. A new agreement is signed in this direction.

On contrary, the foreign and local monopolies which are plundering the country, and imperialist centers like IMF and World Bank are the main responsible for the deep economic crises in Turkey. The dependence on imperialism and the monopolization are overwhelming the burden of inflation, unemployment and poverty on our people. The abolition of the fundamental

democratic rights and freedoms under the conditions of the military dictatorship leads that the burden of the crises is overwhelmed further more on the working class and people. These are the two separate worlds, the two contradicting tendencies. This reality can not be hidden from our people. The reactionary monopoly press is putting the realities upside down. It is provoking anticommunism and anti-Sovietism. It tries to build a curtain in front of the fact that Washington is exerting pressure on the realist statesmen. The reactionary circles hostile to the people and the reactionary press are supporting the efforts of US imperialism and NATO bosses to torpedo peace and detente in such a manner.

Those like Güneral, wearing the uniform of NATO with his anti-Soviet commitments and the pro-American Kirca are taking their support from the most reactionary elements inside and outside the junta. The increase of their activity parallel to the imperialist impositions is leading to the increase of the repressions on the progressive and patriotic forces who are the defenders of peace. The anti-democratic persecutions and court cases against the leaders of the progressive parties, of DISK and class trade unions, of progressive women's and youth movement, and of the peace movement, against the progressive publishers, the widespread tortures which are well known by the world public opinion are examples of these repressions. The working class and our people are waging a hard struggle against imperialism, against the dependence on NATO, against the inner reaction, and against the severe repressions of the military dictatorship on the democratic forces.

Imperialism is trying to put fire on the world in the bosom of Europe. Soviet Union and the world socialist system are repelling this by the continuation of detente and strengthening peace. The 26th Congress of the CPSU is offering a new peace program to the peoples and to our world.

This Congress is the greatest event of our days.

INTERVIEW WITH COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT OF RIZOSPASTIS, ORGAN OF THE CC OF THE CP OF GREECE

Question: The junta lead by Evren is increasing the terror on the democratic forces. Parallel to this, it is announcing that it is temporary and not lasting. What are the intentions of this tactics? How is the CPT evaluating the perspectives of the struggle of the people of Turkey?

Comrade Bilen: In his announcements General Evren speaks from steps towards a parliamentary looking regime for the coming period. According to these declarations this regime will be more anti-democratic, authoritarian and controlled by the army than the regime before 12 September. On the other hand, with a series of measurements the "National Security Council" is reinforcing its political and organisational foundations. What the intentions of Evren may be, it is clear that under the conditions of the recent junta one cannot speak even from bourgeois democracy. Moreover, the most reactionary forces inside and outside the army are increasing their activities parallel to the mounting of the political, economic and military impositions of US imperialism on Turkey. The reactionary press is accelerating the anticommunist and anti-Soviet campaign, and it is persuing the junta to increase its hard repressions on the

working class and on the progressive forces. This situation increases the danger of gaining influence of the neo-fascist party and organisations the positions of which have weakened in some scale.

The CPT is calling all forces against the rude pressure and impositions and blackmail of US imperialism, against the policy of the narrowing the belts of the people, for unity of action for the struggle for democratic rights and freedoms. There is no other way than to fight for democracy in order to defend the national interests.

Question: Turkey has relations with the Common Market. What is your evaluation of the attitude of the Common Market towards the military coup and military regime?

Comrade Bilen: As the other imperialist centers, the Common Market is too facing the military coup in Turkey with "understanding" and it is supporting it. But there are some reactions of some of its representatives against the disclosure of the experienced bourgeois politicians from political life, and against the tortures which are even accepted by the official circles. With a such elastic tactics the Common Market achieves both: to support a military dictatorship inside NATO and Europe, and to be able to continue its "democratic" mask. On the other hand, it is gaining the opportunity to influence the "National Security Council" for its own imperialist interests.

Question: According to the press, the bilateral treaty dealing with the military bases between Turkey and the USA in foreseeing to use the territory of Turkey for the military manoeuvres against the Persian Gulf. What can you say on this issue?

Comrade Bilen: Although the common "Defence and Cooperation Treaty" with the USA has to be discussed in the parliament, it was approved by five generals after the 12 September coup. With this treaty the facilities of Pentagon to use our territory for its aggressive intentions and to interfere into our internal affairs have widened. The increase of the efforts of Haig, the foreign minister of the USA, and of Luns, general secretary of NATO, to use our territory for the Rapid Deployment Force which is directed to the Middle East, the letter of 69 US senators to drag Turkey into a reactionary block together with Israel and Egypt, prove how the US imperialists are using these facilities in order to break some realist tendencies in the foreign policy of Turkey. In a period when US imperialism is increasing its pressure on Turkey, on the Aegean, and on the whole of our region, and when it is concentrating its military presence in the Middle East, this bilateral treaty mounts the dangers against peace and security further more.

The tearing up of the bilateral enslaving treaty and the annulling of the US bases on our territory take a special place in our struggle against the plans of imperialism to make our country a tool for its hegemonistic and adventurist intentions.

Question: The ruling circles of the USA and NATO are speaking from restructuring the relations between Turkey and Greece, after Greece has reentered the military flank of NATO. What do you think on this plan of the West?

How are you considering the dispute between Turkey and Greece on the Aegean Sea? How can this dispute be solved?

Comrade Bilen: What the ruling circles of USA and NATO do understand from the restructuring of the relations between Turkey and Greece, is to fasten them more tightly to the joke of NATO and to impose pro-NATO solutions to the problems between the two countries. On contrary, the whole dispute problems between the two countries, including the problem of the Aegean Sea, can only be solved without the interference and influence of imperialism and NATO, and on the bases of the international agreements and practice and for the mutual benefit of the both peoples. Therefore, the struggle of our people to establish relations of good neighbourliness and friendship with all its neighbours, including Greece, is tightly bound with the struggle to put an end to the dependence on imperialism and NATO.

Question: There are strong comradely ties between the CP of Turkey and CP of Greece. How are you evaluating the preconditions of the struggle of our parties against imperialism, for the friendship between our peoples, and for peace in the region?

Comrade Bilen: The common old and strong traditions of struggle between the CPT and CPG which are basing on Marxism-Leninism are forming a strong source of strength for the struggle of the two fraternal peoples against US imperialism and against the joke of NATO. The unity of action between the two fraternal parties is carrying a vast importance against the hegemonistic plans of Pentagon and of the ruling circles of NATO in the Eastern Mediterranean, against the efforts of NATO to widen its sphere of influence towards the Near and Middle East, and for strengthening peace and security in the region. The joint statement of the two fraternal parties after the coup of 12 September and the solidarity movement raised by the CPG with the democratic forces of Turkey are living and concrete examples of the proletarian internationalism. The CPT is in full solidarity with the struggle of the fraternal CPG and people of Greece to form the antiimperialist and anti-monopolist unity of the democratic forces. On this occasion we want to send through Rizospastis the fraternal and friendly feelings of the communists and working people of Turkey and their antiimperialist militant greetings to the communists of Greece and to the working class and people of Greece.

The questions were asked by comrade Andreulis Andreas, political columnist of the Rizospastis, organ of the CC of the CPG.

MESSAGE ON THE 8th MARCH

The 8th March, the international day of the women is being celebrated in the world as well as in Turkey this year under a main slogan: let us struggle for peace and disarmament, for the continuation of detente, for curbing the arms race provoked by imperialism.

The 26th Congress of the CPSU is contributing a new momentum to the struggle for these great ideals. The most burning demand of mothers throughout the world that their sons should not fall victims in the wars fired by imperialism and that the right to live should be defended is reflected once more in the peace program approved by this congress.

Today the pressure of imperialism is mounting to use Turkey as an outpost of NATO, to make the country a tool in their adventurist intentions. To be against the dependence on NATO, against the nuclear weapons on our territory, against the US bases, against the bilateral enslaving treaty with the USA, and against the heavy military expenditures imposed for the imperialist interests, these are the main tasks of all mothers on the 8th March.

The deep economic and social crisis in our country and the policy of narrowing the belts is increasing the double exploitation which our women are facing as mothers, working people and citizens. The abolition of the trade union rights and the rights to strike is limiting the facilities of women for organised fight against the exploitation of the foreign and local monopolies, against the increasing unemployment and poverty unprecedentedly.

Under the conditions where the junta has annulled the fundamental democratic rights and freedoms, the reaction inside and outside the army is becoming more active. Many democratic and patriotic women are detained, tortured and imprisoned. The repressions on the progressive womens' movement and its brave leaders are increasing during the last days.

This year the patriotic, progressive and democratic women of our country are facing the 8th March under heavy repressions of the military dictatorship and under hard conditions. But the traditions of the democratic womens' movement and of the Progressive Womens' Organisation (IKD) which have grown during the 70's are living fresh. Thousands of women and young girls who were educated in the struggles during these years are now continuing their work within the masses. They are helping to the masses to understand the relation between the struggle for bread and democracy with the peace struggle through their own experiences. The patriotic, progressive and democratic women know that this struggle can only be successful with the unity of all antiimperialist and democratic forces.

We are saluting all women and all progressive and democratic women fighters on the occasion of the 8th March.

8 March 1981

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Very esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, of the working class and people of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates the fraternal Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of its founding and sends militant revolutionary greetings.

The Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party from its founding on has guided all actions and upsurges which have made radical changes in the life of the Mongolian people, and it has played in the victory of the people's revolution in Mongolia a determining role. Today it is guiding the struggle of the working people of Mongolia in constructing socialism in Mongolia and in the changing of the country into an industrial-agrarian one.

The Communist Party of Turkey appreciates highly the efforts of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party in defending peace and international detente and in reinforcement of security in Asia. Its consistent struggle against maoism, great han chauvinism, hegemonism and against the expansionist and aggressive policy of the rulers of Peking is contributing very much to unmask the reactionary cooperation between imperialism and Peking rulers. The Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party is repelling the diverse attacks of imperialism and of the ruling circles of NATO against the world revolutionary process and their anticommunism and anti-Sovietism with a consistent struggle. As a section of the world communist movement it is making valuable contributions to the strengthening of the unity of the socialist countries, of the world communist movement and of the working class and national liberation movement on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Esteemed comrades,

The military dictatorship which seized power on the 12 September 1980 has abolished all democratic rights and freedoms. As the number of the prisoners are exceeding tens of thousands, numerous democrats have died under the tortures. US imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO, making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship in our country, and taking the support of the most reactionary, pro-American and collaborating circles inside and outside the junta and the army, are increasing their pressure in order to achieve the active role of Turkey in their aggressive and adventurist plans towards the Near and Middle East. The Communist Part of Turkey is struggling to achieve the unity of the broadest democratic forces against the imperialist impositions, against the pursuits of the most reactionary forces, against the exploitation of the monopolies and for all democratic rights and freedoms.

The CPT is for the development of the relations between the peoples of our two countries which are basing on historical and traditional ties.

The CPT and the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party are bound fraternally on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

We wish that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party be a year of new successes in our common cause for peace and socialism.

With our communist greetings

1 March 1980

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey and of the working class of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates the 50th anniversary of the founding of the fraternal Communist Party of Venezuela and sends its militant revolutionary greetings.

The Communist Party of Venezuela is fighting from its founding on for the economic, democratic, political and social rights and interests of the working class of Venezuela. It is regarding the consistent struggle against opportunism and the defence of the principles and of the ideals of Marxism-Leninism as the apple of its eye as its task under every condition, both legal and illegal. The Communist Party of Venezuela is struggling today against the hegemony of the foreign and local monopolies, against the impositions of imperialism, against the capitalist exploitation, and for the interests of the working masses, first of all of the working class, and to rally the united front of all democratic forces of the country.

The military dictatorship in Turkey has arrested tens of thousands of democrats, patriots and progressive people. The junta which has abolished the limited democratic rights and freedoms is attacking first of all the working class and the democratic forces. Imperialism is increasing its pressure on Turkey in the direction of its aggressive policy. It is demanding through the reactionary circles inside and outside the army that Turkey should play an active role against Soviet Union and in its adventurist plans in the Near and Middle East. The Communist Party of Turkey is working with all its efforts to unite the broadest democratic forces against imperialism and collaborating monopolies, against the pro-imperialist and pro-monopolist policy of the junta, against the most reactionary circles inside and outside the junta and the army, and for peace, national independence, democracy, and for the interests of the working masses.

Esteemed comrades,

The Communist Party of Turkey and the fraternal Communist Party of Venezuela are bound on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish that the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Venezuela be full of new successes in the struggle against imperialism and for the democratic change in Venezuela.

With communist greetings

5 March 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey and of the working class and working people of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates the 60th anniversary of the founding of the fraternal Portuguese Communist Party and sends its militant revolutionary greetings.

The Portuguese Communist Party has gone through hard class struggles. It has always fought for the interests of the working class and of the working people of the country. It gave numerous victims in the struggle against the dictatorship and under illegal conditions. The role of the Portuguese Communist Party in the April Revolution and its consistent actions to overthrow fascism have formed the important basis of today for the defence of democracy in Portugal. Today, it is in the frontmost line of the struggle of the working class and working people of Portugal to defend and develop the achievements of the April Revolution against the inner reaction and against imperialism. The Portuguese Communist Party is closing its ranks continuously, it is strengthening under every condition and it is organizing the struggles of the masses as a deciding force in Portugal for the solution of the political problems in Portugal and for the realization of the democratic change in the country. It is waging a consistent and principled struggle to unite all democratic forces. The Communist Party of Turkey is regarding the internationalist position and the consistent struggle of the Portuguese Communist Party for peace, international detente and disarmament with high estimation.

The military dictatorship which seized power on 12 September 1980 abolished the limited democratic rights and freedoms in Turkey. While the number of of the political prisoners are exceeding tens of thousands, numerous democrats and patriots are murdered during the tortures. The US imperialism and the most reactionary circles of NATO which try a policy of attacking detente and of confrontation in the international arena are making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship and increasing their pressure on our country. They are demanding that Turkey should take an active task against Soviet Union and in the adventurist and aggressive plans of imperialism in the Near and Middle East. The Communist Party of Turkey is struggling to unite the broadest democratic forces against imperialism and collaborating monopolies, against the pro-imperialist and pro-monopolist policy of the junta, against the most reactionary forces inside and outside the junta, and for peace, national independence, democracy, freedom and for the economic and social rights of the working people.

Esteemed comrades,

The Communist Party of Turkey and the fraternal Portuguese Communist Party are bound on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. These ties are strengthening further within the struggle against our common enemy, against imperialism and reaction, against anticommunism and anti-Sovietism, for the defence of the unity of the world communist movement and within our activities for our common cause for peace and socialism. We wish that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Portuguese Communist Party be a year of new successes in this direction.

6 March 1981

With communist greetings

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SWISS PARTY OF LABOUR

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey and of the working people of our country the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates the fraternal Swiss Party of Labour on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Switzerland and sends its revolutionary greetings.

The Swiss Party of Labour which is the organizer and guide of the struggle of the working class and of the working people in Switzerland is continuing the communist traditions which continue since 60 years. It is waging a consistent struggle against the aggressive efforts of US imperialism and of the ruling circles of NATO against international peace, against the policy of detente and against disarmament as well as against their attacks aiming the world revolutionary process, Soviet Union and the socialist countries.

With the military coup of 12 September 1980 all democratic rights and freedoms in Turkey are abolished. While the number of the political prisoners is exceeding tens of thousands, numerous democrats have lost their lives during the tortures. The working class and its organizations are the main target of the junta. US imperialism and the most reactionary circles of NATO, depending on the collaboration of the most reactionary circles inside and outside the junta and the army, are increasing their pressure on Turkey. They are demanding a more active role of our country in the region as well as against Soviet Union. The Communist Party of Turkey is struggling for the unity of all democratic and patriotic forces against all these.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Swiss Party of Labour are bound on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism fraternally.

We wish that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party in Switzerland be a year of new successes for the struggle of the Swiss Party of Labour.

With communist greetings

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

6 March 1981

TO THE 19th CONGRESS OF THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey and of the working class of our country the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 19th Congress of the Mexican Communist Party with revolutionary feelings.

Your Congress takes place in a period when US imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO are connecting their global attack against the world revolutionary process, against Soviet Union and other socialist countries, against

the national liberation struggle with adventures against the only alternative of the mankind, against peace, international detente and disarmament. The aggressive efforts of US imperialism in the American continent and in the Carabbean is taking dangerous dimensions for the security of the people of the region.

Your Congress is going to discuss the economic, political and social problems in front of the people of Mexico which plays an important role in the region. The Communist Party of Turkey feels a great pleasure that the Mexican Communist Party took part in the elections after 33 years, that is has fought against anticommunism and that it has become the third party in the country. The efforts and the successes of the Mexican Communist Party in the direction of uniting all left forces make a strong obstacle in front of the anti-worker efforts of the local oligarchy and against the exploitation and impositions of the foreign monopolies. This is reinforcing the struggle for a just international economic order in the world.

Esteemed comrades,

The military dictatorship which seized power on the 12 September 1980 abolished all democratic rights and freedoms in Turkey. While tens of thousands of democrats are arrested, the junta attacks first of all the working class and its organizations. US imperialism intends to use Turkey actively in its aggressive and adventurist plans in the Near and Middle East. Thus, it is increasing its pressure on our country further more with the support of the reactionary forces inside and outside the junta. The Communist Party of Turkey is fighting to unite the broadest democratic forces against all these and for peace, national independence, democracy and for the urgent interests of the working people.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Mexican Communist Party are bound on the basis of the principles of common struggle ideals and international solidarity fraternally.

The communists of Turkey believe that the 19th Congress of the Mexican Communist Party will be a solid basis for new successes in the cause of peace and socialism.

Long live the 19th Congress of the Mexican Communist Party!

12 March 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

We have learned about the campaign of slander waged by the ruling circles of France against your party on the eve of the presidential elections. Our party has supported and is supporting your policy of strengthening the solidarity between the French workers and the immigrant workers.

We are sure that the struggle of the French Communist Party for the equal rights of the immigrant workers with the French workers and for the stopping the rude exploitation of the immigrant workers who are also used as a weapon against the French workers, is for the benefit of all workers who are working in France. Therefore, the Communist Party of Turkey declares that it is supporting the French Communist Party in its struggle against every kind of discrimination and racial position, and it is condemning this campaign of slander waged by the most reactionary circles against the French Communist Party.

The Communist Party of Turkey is stating that the joint struggle against such attacks against the French Communist Party will further strengthen the internationalist solidarity between the two patries.

With our communist greetings

23 March 1981

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