

Paris, October, 15th

To : The Communist Party of Britain

Dear comrades,

On behalf of the French Communist Party (PCF) membership and leadership, we would like to send you the most fraternal and communist greetings for your forthcoming 56e congress. We wish you the greatest success and we wish you to achieve all goals and tasks your congress will decide upon. The British communists were always, over the last century, at the first row of democratic, anti-fascist, social, anti-imperialist and anti-racist struggles. They are a key-component of the struggles of the peoples in Britain and of the British left, since the 1926 UK strike and the Battle of Cable Street against fascists in 1936.

The current period is characterized by deeper imperialist confrontations, as shown for instance by the AUKUS alliance, and by a worsening ecological, social and democratic crisis. The leading classes want the crisis to be paid by people. We would like to express our brotherly solidarity with the Communist Party of Britain, and with the British left movement, in its struggle against the disastrous consequences of Tory policies, against the right wing and far right wing policies and tendencies, against British imperialism.

In France, similar policies are producing similar effects. Neoliberal policies led by Emmanuel Macron are worsening poverty in France and want to destroy basic social solidarities, National Health system, and pensions system inherited from popular struggles, from the Resistance against fascism. The far-rights want to impose its xenophobic themes in the heart of the political landscape for the nearest presidential and general elections in France next spring.

In such a context, the PCF, its membership and MPs, is fully mobilized for rights, wages, pensions, social security for working people, for youth people, for defending equality of rights for everybody and for retaking power on banking sector and key industry sectors. The PCF is also committed for the sovereignty of French people, for leaving NATO and building new collective security system under the aegis of UN, for denouncing austerity European rules and for building new cooperation amongst European peoples. The PCF defends rights of circulation for migrants, when disastrous human tragedies are plunging the Strait of Dover into mourning. International solidarity with Cuba, Venezuelan people, Palestine and other victims of imperialist dominations is remaining at the heat of the communist and peace struggle. The PCF is engaged in this direction for the next presidential and parliamentary elections, with the nomination of Fabien Roussel, our National Secretary, for the

presidential elections, and with a broad political offer to the left for the parliamentary elections, to build a left majority on left basis in the next Parliament.

Our common challenges ask us to strengthen solidarity and cooperation among communist and left forces. Please be sure, dear comrades, PCF is fully kept involved in this way.

Long life to the international solidarity!

Long life to the Communist Party of Britain!

Long life to the friendship between British and French communists!

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