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# Unity!



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## Workers should not pay for the crisis

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**T**HE CRISIS OF Britain's capitalist system is laid bare, trade union president Alex Gordon told the Communist Party's early January political committee.

'Workers are now paying the price for Tory corruption and incompetence as the energy, Big Tech and Big Pharma monopolies reap big profits', he said.

Condemning the two-year public sector wage freeze and a reversal of progress towards closing the gender pay gap, Alex Gordon welcomed the readiness of workers to fight back on a range of issues including 'fire and rehire', pay and health and safety.

Britain's Communists warned that

millions of working-class families face a cost of living crisis early in the new year as gas and electricity bills rocket, National Insurance contributions go up along with rents and rail fares, and the Universal Credit uplift is withdrawn.

The Communist Party called for price controls, a windfall tax on the 'Big Five' energy monopolies and the abolition of VAT on household fuel bills now made possible by Brexit.

Alex Gordon insisted that public ownership is the only rational alternative to the 'rigged' gas and electricity market, which has failed to invest in insulation and storage while 50 smaller companies have gone bust since 2018 at a likely cost of £2 billion to the public purse.

As the Tory government struggles to contain Britain's crisis, arming itself with

new repressive powers to combat dissent and protest, he said that divisions are re-emerging over Britain's relationship with the EU Single Market.

In these conditions, Boris Johnson will not lead the party into the next General Election should he continue to be a vote loser, Alex Gordon predicted.

At the same time, he slammed the 'anodyne leadership' of the Labour Party under Keir Starmer.

'A creature of the Blairite party machine, he has no intention of offering even a feeble version of social democracy, preferring to re-establish Labour as the party of business', Alex Gordon charged, 'while the task of the Communist Party is to support and broaden working-class and trade union resistance to the impact of capitalist crisis.' ★

## Fight back against Tory and big business offensive

Carole Stavris  
FIGHT BACK



**L**A TE LAST YEAR the controversy surrounding the Downing Street staff party, Boris Johnson's wittering at the CBI conference and the Owen Paterson lobbying scandal acted as a smokescreen to divert attention from the huge damage done by government policies.

While public anger at Tory hypocrisy and rule-breaking when it comes to Covid rules is understandable, the biggest threats come from Conservative and big business attacks on the NHS, living standards and democratic liberties

A decade of NHS underfunding and privatisation has left Britain's hospitals and GP services terribly vulnerable to the seventh and possibly biggest wave yet of Covid infections.

Longer waiting lists for medical treatment have a greater impact on our most deprived local communities, where Covid death rates are nearly four times higher than in wealthier areas.

Vacancy rates for doctors and nurses have reached at least 7% and 10%, respectively. The government's incompetent roll-out of a third, booster vaccination against the new Omicron strain has already resulted in long queues, shortages of testing kits and an online booking crash.

At the same time, millions of people face an even bigger drop in their living standards since the Covid pandemic struck, with rocketing household fuel bills and petrol prices, withdrawal of the Universal Credit uplift and next Spring's rise in National Insurance contributions. Inflation is rising more than three times faster than wages.

Britain's Communists argue that trade unions must take the offensive on wages.

Trade unionists can draw inspiration from the recent victories won by workers at Clarks in Somerset and Jacobs Douwe Egberts in Banbury against 'fire and rehire' attempts.

The New Year will be a year of struggle that will test the fighting spirit of the working class.

The Communist Party condemns the Conservative government's bills attacking people's rights of protest, citizenship and refuge. These bills reflect ruling class anxiety that industrial action could spill over into the political sphere where the Labour leadership has abandoned any serious challenge to big business and the banks.

The party urges anti-racist and community organisations to unite in a campaign against racist immigration and asylum laws and strengthen working class unity. ★

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## Holocaust Memorial Day marks the Soviet Army's liberation of Auschwitz

TONY CONWAY  
ANTISEMITISM



**A**NTISEMITISM has been around for centuries. The Edict of Expulsion, a royal decree issued by Edward I on 18 July 1290 sought the expulsion of all Jews from England, by no later than 1 November of that same year. This edict remained in place throughout the Middle Ages and was a culmination of over 200 years of antisemitism. Medieval England was particularly anti-Jewish with many images and tropes which exist today arising from that period. It is in this period that tales of the 'Wandering Jew' as a diabolic figure and allegations of ritual murder became widespread. They were actively promoted by the Church, and by the Royals when it suited their purpose. In 1190 over 100 Jews were massacred in York. This year the Church of England has stated it will give a formal apology for this act.

At its Congress in November 2021 the Communist Party decided to press the struggle against antisemitism and take the fight to the antisemites. Its a struggle that takes place in communities, in workplaces and online. Last year the Party issued a statement reaffirming its opposition to antisemitism, recalling the pioneering work of the Communist Party in the fight against antisemitism and fascism in the 30s and 40s and again in the 60s and 70s when it reappeared. In the statement the party warns of a growth in antisemitic attacks in Britain and worldwide.

A new Party education programme is being developed and party members have been put on alert to step-up the struggle against antisemitism and maintain vigilance against antisemitic elements in anti-racist movements. In particular the Party is concerned to take up the struggle with a new generation in danger of influence through internet sites that promote historical revisionism, Holocaust denial and conspiracy theory. A second resolution agreed at Congress on this theme was passed, with resources allocated to establish a place on our website to counter these three challenges.

Communists have observed Holocaust Memorial Day since its inception and this year we will actively show the Holocaust in its historical perspective. The 27 January each year is the day that is commemorated as the day that Soviet troops liberated the death camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, which had been established in May 1940.

Across Poland and stretching as far south as Croatia over 40 concentration and extermination camps were built.

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# INTERNATIONALISM

*The task of educating the workers and all working people in the spirit of proletarian internationalism is one of the fundamental tasks of every Communist Party. But anyone who thinks that this permits him, or even compels him, to sneer at all the national sentiments of the broad masses of working people is far from being a genuine Bolshevik, and has understood nothing of the teaching of Lenin on the national question.* **Georgi Dimitov** Comintern general secretary



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### NEW YEAR GREETINGS

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party, I send you seasonal greetings and best wishes for the New Year. Over the past 12 months, there has been no relief from the dire problems that confront many millions of people across the globe. The number of deaths from Covid-19 has more than doubled to 148,000 in Britain and to 51/2 million worldwide.

People fleeing destitution, disease and war continue to drown in the English Channel and the Mediterranean, or suffer the most atrocious conditions in makeshift camps from Calais to the Ukraine and beyond.

Yet, as ever, the world's richest capitalist countries refuse to use their wealth and power to resolve these and other chronic problems such as malnutrition and global warming. Instead, led by the USA, Britain and NATO, they have embarked on a new nuclear arms race and a second Cold War aimed primarily at China.

In such a climate, the forces of the far right are resurgent on almost every continent, although those of the left and anti-imperialism are fighting back from Chile and Portugal to Sudan and India. Spain's Communist vice-president has steered a bill through the Cortes outlawing precarious work; in Russia, the Communists won 24% of the votes despite Putin's ballot-rigging; and in Israel, the CP leads the third biggest group in the Knesset, opposing the illegal occupation of Palestinian and Syrian territories.

China, Cuba and Vietnam continue to act as islands of sanity and beacons of hope in a world still dominated by the power of monopoly capital and the states that govern on its behalf.

In 2022, the main question for Communists in England, Scotland and Wales will be this: how can we make the most effective contribution to the struggle against British ruling class policies at home and abroad?

How can we best inform, inspire and help mobilise the labour and progressive movements against 'hire and fire' and a new wave of austerity, against racism, against militarism, for public services, for industrial investment and jobs, for women's equality, for a Wealth Tax, for higher wages, pensions and benefits? How can we best defend the NHS?

Millions of people will see their fuel bills rocketing from April. How can mass opposition and a campaign for the renationalisation of gas and electricity be built, as the Labour Party leadership turns its back on left and progressive policies?

How can we strengthen working-class and progressive unity and take forward the fight for a federal Britain, against the centralising forces of unionism and the divisive forces of separatism?

How can we build a broad, people's alliance against the capitalist monopolies and their state power, and for a left-wing programme?

Our successful 56th Congress last November set the Party's priorities for the coming period. Now those fine words must be turned into action. A united, disciplined and growing Communist Party and Young Communist League can have an impact way beyond our greatly increased numbers.

As the threat of Covid recedes, the Party must be ready to go into action in local communities and workplaces, in the battle of ideas and through the media old and new. Laws that further restrict the right to protest will have to be defied.

But that will require all CP members to play their part in strengthening our Party branches, district and nation committees, commissions and trade union advisories. In particular, we must draw many more new and existing members into our Marxist-Leninist education programmes.

The first meeting of the incoming Executive Committee on January 15-16th will elect the Party's main officers and the new Political Committee.

But the EC will also issue a clarion call to all Communists and allies. There will be fresh initiatives to campaign for a New Deal for workers, public ownership and decent homes for all, and to combat global warming and Britain's racist immigration and nationality laws.

Assisted by the magnificent Morning Star, we will help build the trade union movement, the People's Assembly, the National Assembly of Women and the anti-war movement including the anti-imperialist World Peace Council in Britain.

Immediate priorities must include local and central preparations to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27 and to begin selecting many more Communist candidates for the local elections on May 5.

We will expose the hypocrisy and lies of Britain's Conservative government and the refusal of the Labour leadership to defend people's living standards, democratic rights and peace.

We will hold high the banner of socialism. Our flag stays red!

Yours for Communism,

**Robert Griffiths**  
General Secretary  
Communist Party

Nazis turned to murder by gassing.

These actions resulted in the first use of the word 'genocide'. The term was coined by Raphael Lemkin, a Pole who fled to the USA in 1941. He lost most of his family in the Holocaust and as a lawyer recognised that the destruction of a nation or an ethnic group, was a crime without a name. 'Genocide' was adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

In August 1942 the Nazis attacked Stalingrad. The battle ended in February 1943. More than two million troops fought. Prior to the attack the German High Command declared when they took the city that bore Stalin's name all male residents would be killed. It was during this battle that my home City of Coventry – which had experienced saturation bombing by the Luftwaffe – started the international cities movement of twinning that is now commemorated each year in both cities.

The victory of the Soviet Army at Stalingrad was a decisive turn that led directly to 27 January when Auschwitz was liberated. Despite all the destruction witnessed by Soviet troops in their pushback of the Germans to Berlin, no one was prepared for what they witnessed on that day.

Every year at the end of January, the UN pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. 27 January was officially recognised in November 2005 as the International Day on which we mark the Holocaust.

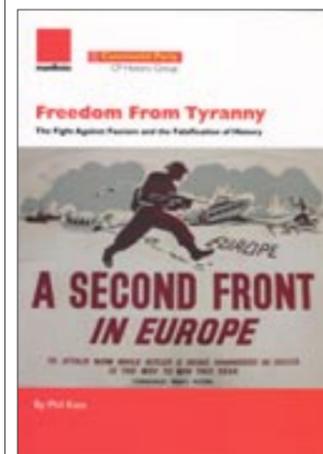
This year the Communist Party is joining in the commemoration organised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Unite Against Fascism, trade unions and many others, under the theme, 'One Day'.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide and calls for support for

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the international day to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution and in genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation, and genocide must be resisted by action, every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Even in Britain, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all.

HMD is for everyone. Each year across Britain, people come together, last year in more than a thousand events Britain-wide, to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. We know that through these events they learn more, can empathise more and do more.

Together we must bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition. The lessons of antisemitism must be taken into our schools and workplaces. The unions can play an important role in this. We must continue to oppose all racism and fascism and this includes the actions of the British government in its Nationality and Borders Bill which, if carried, will divide working class communities and persecute those fleeing imperialist wars, climate catastrophe and oppression.

We will play an active role alongside those who seek an end to racism, historical revisionism and Holocaust denial. The Communist Party salutes and remembers those brave people who fought and defeated the fascists and antisemites, in generations past and today, amongst whom are found, many of our own members and supporters. ★

TONY CONWAY IS CONVENOR OF THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY'S ANTI-RACIST  
AND ANTI-FASCIST COMMISSION



## Communists play an active role alongside those who seek an end to racism, historical revisionism and Holocaust denial

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Those held captive in Auschwitz were mainly Jewish, Poles, Romani and Soviet prisoners of war – 1.3 million were imprisoned and 1.1 million were killed in that terrible place.

Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941. Hitler intended the campaign to be a war of racial and political annihilation. As far back as his biography, *Mein Kampf*, he saw the destruction of what he called, the Judeo-Bolshevik threat as the centrepiece of his Nazi ideology. Forced starvation and mass murder were the methods. Civilians were the main target and none more so than Polish and Soviet Jews whose persecution began immediately. Many Jews attempted to flee along with the retreating Soviet Army but not enough succeeded.

With the arrival of the Nazi army pogroms against Jewish people were widespread especially in Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltic states. But we now know that the 'Holocaust of bullets' started in countries such as Lithuania and Estonia before the arrival of German troops and before the mass gassing in the death camps began. 700,000 died in this way. Despite denial, it is clear that ordinary German soldiers participated in atrocities in considerable number along with locally recruited collaborators. Eyewitness and court testimony confirms both of these, though today, such countries deny involvement. Estonia and Lithuania lost 95% of their pre-war Jewish population in just three years.

Across the East, the Nazis concentrated Jews in ghettos (a practice first found in Venice) and killed elderly, young, women while using able bodied men initially as slave labour. In the Baltic states fascist, ultra-nationalist and anti-Soviet elements backed the invaders and joined in the pogroms. In Western Ukraine Polish people were also killed or expelled and Jews murdered. Conventional pogroms were more difficult to organise in Belarus and the

# TWO STATEMENTS

*Below left we carry the joint statement of world political parties, social organisations and think tanks on making independent efforts to explore the path towards democracy and working together to promote common development.*

*Below right is Rob Griffiths' statement at the world meeting of communist and workers parties and overleaf their joint statement*

**D**EMOCRACY REPRESENTS an important achievement of humanity in the advancement of political civilisation, and development an eternal pursuit throughout human history. People of different countries and regions, through their unremitting explorations, have brought about distinctively varied forms of democracy and development paths, presenting a magnificent spectacle of flourishing human civilisations. Political parties, as they are in a position to build, preserve and develop democracy, have been charged with the important mission to realise democracy and promote development. In view of the above, we, the 355 political parties, social organisations and think tanks from 140 countries and regions, issue a joint statement to the whole world as follows:

I. We are of the view that the world we live in is a diverse and colourful one. Diversity is what defines the fascinating feature of human civilisations, and indeed the source of vitality and dynamism for the development of the world. The ways and means of realising democracy are varied. Since different countries and regions may not necessarily share the same history, culture, social system and development stage, there does not exist any system of democracy or pattern of development that is applicable to all countries. The practice of judging the rich variety of political systems around the world by a single yardstick, or observing the colourful political civilisations of humanity from a monochromatic sight, is in itself undemocratic. Nor is it conducive to development.

II. We are of the view that the best way to evaluate whether the political system of a country is democratic and efficient is to observe whether the succession of its leading body is orderly and in line with the law, whether all people can manage state affairs and social, economic and cultural affairs in conformity with legal provisions, whether the public can express their requirements without hindrance, whether all sectors can efficiently participate in the country's political affairs, whether national decisions can be made in a rational, democratic way, whether professionals in all fields can be part of the team of national leadership and administrative systems through fair competition, whether the ruling party can serve as a leader in state affairs in accordance with the constitution and laws, and whether the exercise of power can be kept under effective restraint and supervision.

III. We are of the view that the judgement on whether a country is democratic hinges on whether the people can become the real masters of the country. While it is necessary to observe whether the people can enjoy the right to vote, it is even more important to observe whether their right of extensive participation is guaranteed. While it is necessary to observe what verbal promises the people get during election campaigns, it is even more important to observe how many of the promises are fulfilled after elections. While it is necessary to observe what political procedures and rules are stipulated in regulations and laws, it is even more important to observe whether these regulations and laws are rigorously enforced. While it is necessary to observe whether the exercise of power follows democratic

rules and procedures, it is even more important to observe whether the exercise of power is truly subject to supervision and restraint by the people.

IV. We are of the view that democracy is the right of all peoples, rather than an exclusive privilege of the few. The judgement on whether a country is democratic or not should be made by their people. We stand opposed to acts that interfere in the internal affairs of others in the name of democracy.

V. We are of the view that the point of departure as well as the goal of the development of human society should be to improve people's wellbeing and to achieve well-rounded human development. The promotion of democracy should focus on the continuous realisation of people's aspiration for a better life and the uplifting of their sense of fulfilment, happiness and security. Currently, countries need especially to strengthen cooperation in the fields of poverty alleviation, food security, COVID-19 responses and vaccines, development financing, climate change and green development, industrialisation, digital economy and connectivity, and to accelerate the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so that concentrated efforts are devoted to solve problems of the greatest, most immediate and most practical concerns of the people. All countries and all peoples of the world deserve the opportunity and right of development. Efforts need to be made to promote inclusive development and ensure that no country is left behind.

VI. We are of the view that to make international relations more democratic is the trend of the times and that the only way to realise this lies in putting true multilateralism into practice. As humankind is faced with various challenges and global issues, the effective response thereto can only be found in more inclusive global governance, more effective multilateral mechanisms and more proactive regional cooperation. Better performance in the practice of multilateralism can always lead to better answers to the common problems facing humanity.

VII. We are of the view that efforts to build a human community with a shared future point in the right direction to the development and progress of civilisation. The shared human values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom must serve as guidance in the endeavour to build such a community with a strong sense of responsibility for the future of humankind, so that countries with different social systems, ideologies, histories, cultures and levels of development can share interests, rights and responsibilities in international affairs and work together to build a better world.

Deeply aware of the joint mission placed on our shoulders to promote democracy and improve people's livelihood, we undertake to work hand in hand to rise above all kinds of differences, promote exchanges and mutual learning, enhance mutual understanding and build broad consensus, so that we continue to make our due contribution to the people's wellbeing, national development, world peace and human progress. ★

**Over 350 political parties, social organizations and think tanks from 140 countries and regions in contact with the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee backed his Joint Statement of World Political Parties, Social Organizations and Think Tanks on Making Independent Efforts to Explore the Path toward Democracy and Working Together to Promote Common Development.**

## Democracy, justice, development and progress: the pursuit of marxist political parties

Robert Griffiths

All Communist Parties have a responsibility to identify a road to socialism which begins from the concrete conditions and trends in their own country. That road must be both realistic and revolutionary, a road that can lead to the capture of state power by the working class and its allies.

Our Chinese comrades have conquered state power and - as the proceedings of the 16th Plenum of the 19th Central Committee have recently confirmed - has used it to lift up the masses of the people. The trajectory in People's China is now one of building its own model of a prosperous socialist society, in harmony with our planet and at peace with the world.

Our party's programme, Britain's Road to Socialism, takes as its starting point the reality that Britain is a multinational state dominated by the interests of monopoly capital, at the core of which are the financial capitalists based in the City of London.

Moreover, as Lenin elaborated in his work *Imperialism: the Highest Stage of Capitalism*, in the advanced capitalist countries the economic power of the capitalist monopolies has - in effect - fused with the power of the state to produce a mechanism which he called state-monopoly capitalism.

British monopoly capital, backed by the power of the British state, has long extended its activities over much of the world. Britain remains one of the major imperialist powers.

This means that Communists in Britain have long understood our serious responsibility to act in solidarity with peoples around the world in their struggles against British imperialism.

We also have to analyse and challenge the economic, political and ideological impact of British imperialism at home, on the domestic economy, on the exercise of state power and on the ideas and views of the working class and the people generally.

British imperialism's economic strategies have produced a seriously unbalanced domestic economy, over-dependent on the financial, property and services sector, on armaments production and its technology, on imports of strategic products and on inward investment. Britain's balance of payments remains in surplus only because of the income from British capital around the world and from servicing foreign capital (what Lenin called 'clipping coupons') in the City of London.

For the peoples of Britain, the results are a relatively low investment, low tech, low skill and low productivity economy, with many low-paid, part-time and precarious jobs. The free reign of market forces, privatisation and the absence of macro-economic planning has left many older industrial areas to deteriorate economically and socially.

The grossly unequal distribution of income, wealth and purchasing power has combined with a free market in housing to create a more or less permanent housing crisis in its various forms. Public sector housing has been largely replaced by private rented accommodation, leaving many young people at the mercy of private landlords.

Increasingly, second or 'holiday' homes blight society and its development in and around rural and coastal areas.

These are the conditions in which divisive racist and xenophobic sentiments grow and fester.

The majority section of the British ruling capitalist class wanted to remain in the European Union with its entrenched legal framework favouring monopoly market forces and limiting the possibilities for macro-economic planning, state aid to industry, regional development policy and controls over capital.

But these potential benefits of Brexit will not be realised until we have a central government in London that is prepared to use the powers repatriated from the treaties and institutions of the EU.

Instead, we have a right-wing Conservative government which further undermines the powers and resources of local government and the devolved parliaments in Scotland and Wales, expands the coercive powers of the state, greatly increases Britain's arsenal of nuclear weapons and joins the USA, France, Australia and NATO in a new Cold War against Russia and China.

This is the context in which the Communist Party of Britain and its allies strive to show people that an alternative economic and political strategy is not only possible but essential: a strategy which can win improvements and reforms, preparing the best basis on which to challenge state-monopoly capitalism.

Furthermore, our programme points to the only type of society - socialism - that can guarantee first-class public services, full and rewarding employment, dignity in retirement, real democratic rights and power in the hands of the people, a federal Britain in place of both centralised unionism and divisive separatism, and a foreign policy based on international solidarity, peace and the protection of our planet.

Developing these perspectives has compelled us to draw upon and elaborate Marxist-Leninist theory in order to guide our practice, notably on such questions as the environment, financialisation and the re-emerging general crisis of capitalism; the international collaboration and contradictions of state-monopoly capitalism; popular sovereignty; neo-liberalism, the state and the limitations of social democracy; building alliances against state-monopoly capitalism; women's liberation, racism and class exploitation; and the unifying, class-based character of progressive federalism.

This work has also enabled the Communist Party of Britain to grow rapidly and carry forward our shared values of democracy, justice, development and progress in today's national and international conditions.

How we practice and reflect these values today, inside our party, in our relations with allies and in our conduct of the political class struggle is important not only to attract people to the Communist Party, but also to combat the negative image of socialism - past, present and future - propagated continuously by its enemies. ★ **MORE OVERLEAF**



# EVENTS & IDEAS & ACTION

*Communist women, by their leadership among the masses of women, and learning from them to fight for their demands, will fuse the women's peace movement under the leadership of the working class, and will thereby help to change the relationship of forces in our land in such a way as to make for a new anti-fascist, anti-imperialist peoples coalition, advancing through this struggle to socialism.* **Claudia Jones** 1951

## World's communist and workers' parties meet

On 10-11 December, an Extraordinary Meeting of Communist and Workers Parties was held online, hosted by the Greek Communist Party and Communist Party of Turkey. Some 73 parties from 57 countries participated in the teleconference, including communist representatives from Cuba, Vietnam, Venezuela, Russia, South Africa, Portugal, Palestine, Israel, Ireland, Canada, India, Iran. A summary of the proceedings can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y7np4v4m>. The individual contributions are online at <https://tinyurl.com/2p89r3pm>

Following the meeting, a statement below was issued of the joint actions that will be undertaken by the world's communist and workers' parties in the course of 2022:

## Text of joint actions

The Communist and Workers' Parties in 2022 will develop joint and convergent actions on the following main axes: Support of the struggles of the working class for workers' and people's rights, including millions of immigrant workers. Utilisation of 1st of May for the promotion of demands for the right to work, health, education, culture; for the protection of the unemployed; for decent salaries and pensions. In solidarity with immigrants and refugees for their rights to live and work on equal conditions, against racism and xenophobia.

For protection measures against the pandemic and the reinforcement of public healthcare systems. For the waiver of patent protections for all COVID-19 vaccines and medicines that are being used or developed; for ensuring that all people, especially the poorest countries and the poor popular strata, have access to them. For highlighting the anti-popular and ineffective management of the pandemic by capital, which has turned it into an opportunity for further exploitation of workers and greater profitability of monopolies.

Activities against anti-communism and the distortion of the historical contribution of the USSR and socialism, utilising milestone anniversaries such as the founding of the USSR on 30 December 1922. Solidarity with communists and militants faced with persecution and bans, against dictatorial regimes, repression, restrictions, and discrimination as regards democratic rights and freedoms, in order to end the unacceptable regime of persecution and bans on Communist Parties.

In solidarity with people's mobilisations against the degradation and destruction of the environment caused by the anarchy of capitalist production and the race for business profit.

Initiatives to promote the necessity, timeliness, and realistic character of socialism as the only alternative to capitalism, in favour of the workers and the peoples in contemporary conditions.

In support of Cuba, its people, and the Communist Party of Cuba; against the interventions and undermining plans of imperialism. For an end to the unacceptable US blockade against Cuba.

With the people of Palestine for the end of the occupation, and in favour of self-determination, establishing a national, independent state with occupied East Jerusalem as its capital and for the return of refugees, in accordance with UN resolutions, such as the Resolution 194 of the General Assembly of the UN, supporting the resistance of the Palestinian people, condemning the criminal policy of Israel and the imperialist proposal of the so-called "deal of the century", and for the release of all political prisoners.

Solidarity with all the peoples struggling against foreign occupation, blockades, sanctions, machinations and imperialist aggression.

Support for initiatives developed by pro-peace and anti-imperialist movements for peace and sovereignty, against militarism, imperialist wars and interventions, NATO and other imperialist military alliances, and foreign military bases.

Condemnation of the preparation for new imperialist interventions and wars, such as those foreshadowed by the concentration of mass NATO military forces on the borders with Russia that also utilise the provocative plans of the reactionary Ukrainian regime against the people of Donbas.

The Communist and Workers' Parties expressed the need to reinforce their cooperation at a bilateral and regional level and strengthen the efforts to hold the 22nd International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in 2022, taking into consideration the developments around the pandemic.



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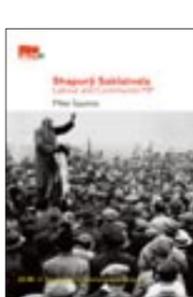
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