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Political Resolution

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1. The General Council of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, meeting in Beirut (Lebanon) thanks to the militant work of our member organisation and host of this meeting, the Union of Lebanese Democratic Youth (ULDY), endorses this commitment. Faced with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the incurable crisis of capitalism, the reconfiguration of the world, the imperialist aggressions and the struggles of the peoples, we call on all the anti-imperialist youth to strengthen the struggle against imperialism and for a new world free of exploitation and any kind of oppression, where all of the youth have a right to education, dignified work, health, housing, freedom and peace. It is in our hands that the protagonism of the next years is in the hands of the people, the working class and the youth. That is why the General Council of the World Federation of Democratic Youth declares the following:

1) COVID-19 pandemic

2. Only a few weeks after the 20th General Assembly of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the COVID-19 pandemic broke out and had a huge impact on our societies and generated a lot of suffering worldwide. It is estimated there have been more than 600 million cases of COVID-19 and more than 6 million deaths.

3. While it is true that any pandemic generates great suffering, we cannot understand pandemics in an ahistorical way. The COVID-19 pandemic has been traversed by the current higher phase of capitalism: imperialism. Over the last few years, the suffering of the people increased, with the pandemic being a catalyst for both a health crisis and the acceleration of a new cyclical crisis of capitalism that had already shown signs of being latent.

4. Firstly, the successive cuts and privatizations carried out against the interests of workers limited the indispensable role the public healthcare systems could have played in facing the pandemic. In these years, the right to health has once again proven incompatible with the profits of the economic groups that make a business out of the suffering and illness of the people.



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5. Secondly, the management of the pandemic by the capitalist states in favour of capital and at the expense of the health of the people had a crucial impact on the increase in cases and deaths. The capitalists, to maintain their profits at all costs, avoided or, at the very least, delayed the decision to stop production to prevent workplaces from becoming hotbeds of contagion. The restrictions placed by various governments on many dimensions of life contrasted with the reality experienced by many workers in their workplaces, where the absence of sanitary measures that would guarantee work without the risk of contagion was evident, as they were not providing masks, disinfectant material, safety distance and other measures that would at least minimize this risk. Moreover, the class gap became even clearer between those who continued to accumulate millions and to concentrate ever greater wealth and those who had to work to provide their basic needs on daily basis. Additionally, COVID-19 led to many consequences such as the manifestation of the class gap on many levels including online learning, medical care in private medical systems, impacts on workers' physical and mental health, and even in workplaces in which some domains transferred into online work putting workers with hard accessibility and low technological experience under the risk of losing their jobs.

6. Thirdly, the gap between the capitalist countries in the face of imperialism –which is the highest stage of capitalism– has become evident based on the uneven development of capitalism. The capitalist states and imperialist forces have been engaged in a war of rapine for the accumulation of health material not taking into account the needs of the people. This was especially clear with the role of the WHO defending the interests of the capitalist monopolies and with the development of vaccines, which – following the logic of capitalism– are first of all commodities and were kept as a business tool of the big pharmaceutical corporations.

7. In those countries where they suffer from direct imperialist aggressions, occupation, unilateral coercive measures, sanctions, blockades, etc. these aggressions have been maintained despite severe denunciations of how these situations could aggravate the consequences of the pandemic. The risk that the prisons would become a source of infection for the political prisoners in them, the neglect of the population in the occupied territories, or the inability of several countries to buy medical supplies and vaccines because of the sanctions are some of the consequences.

8. In conclusion, it has confirmed the tendencies we outlined at our 20th General Assembly of the oppressive and exploitative character of the imperialist system and the inability to give it a human face when even in the face of a pandemic it prioritizes profits over our lives.

9. However, we must also highlight some valuable lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic that show the potential of the people, the working class and its youth. While the ruling classes sought to



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maintain their profits at all costs, we have seen great experiences of popular struggle, solidarity and self-organisation to face the consequences of the pandemic in the neighbourhoods, study centres and workplaces: disinfection work, support networks to obtain basic resources, defence of rights, etc. On the other hand, we have seen great experiences of international solidarity, among which we can highlight those such as the Cuban Revolution, who despite the difficulties derived from the blockade have shown their support by sending medical brigades all over the world or by sending vaccines developed on the island all over the world. This shows the potential of popular struggle, social awareness and internationalist solidarity in the face of our exploiters and oppressors and shows the way to build a new society.

2) Reconfiguration of the world

10. In recent years, we have witnessed the consolidation of the reconfiguration of the world with major changes and the emergence of new regional and international forces, some of them not aligned with the imperialist interests of the USA, the European Union and NATO. Today, the conflicts we can observe around the world are an aggressive manifestation of the incurable contradictions of capitalism, in which the ruling classes and monopolies seek at all costs to increase their profits and power while others are emerging to question their supremacy. The conflicts for spheres of influence, market shares, raw materials, energy plans and transport routes, and the ecological, resource and waste crisis exacerbate this scenario.

11. The sharpening of the contradiction has also shown among and within the imperialist alliances, such as the USA, the EU and NATO. First, we find that in recent years, especially during Donald Trump's era as US president, the imposition of customs on steel and aluminium, his withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, the establishment of certain alliances with historic enemies of the Atlantic Alliance, questioning of NATO and his exit from the World Health Organisation during the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has generated certain tensions and distance between the European Union and the United States. However, Joe Biden's administration seems to be a step towards rebuilding the bridges that have been broken over the years among them.

12. Secondly, it is also worth noting the escalation of tensions and disputes with a NATO member and EU ally as Turkey. This is due to its pretensions to advance positions in the imperialist pyramid, as shown by its role in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, its manoeuvres in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Eastern Mediterranean, deepening tensions –especially with Cyprus and Greece–,



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its pretensions to take advantage of the situation in countries besieged by imperialist wars such as Libya or Syria, or its rapprochement with other alliances such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. These tensions, however, are complex because of its interests with this NATO member country, its influence in the region, interests in migration control, possible border expansions, and, also worth mentioning, because it is one of the major military powers.

13. Thirdly, the internal tensions in the European Union have been remarkable in recent years, the most notable element being the consolidation of Brexit on 31 January 2020 after the referendum of 2016 and several extensions in the implementation deadlines due to the tensions between the different sectors of the capitalists. The vote to leave was a clear manifestation of popular discontent with the deterioration of the social situation, inseparable from the policies of the EU. It has been instrumentalized by right-wing forces and some sectors of the British bourgeoisie who, faced with the distribution of profits within the EU, aspired to seek a framework that would allow them to expand their profits, but without ignoring the interests that the British bourgeoisie had for the European Union and its member countries as its main trading partners. And on the part of the EU, they tried to maintain an agreement that would not deteriorate business with the UK, but at the same time would result in a "sobering" Brexit that would present the "abyss", the "chaos" and the "regression" of leaving the European Union.

14. Finally, another of the tensions we have witnessed in recent years is over the model of the European Union, in which the debate is currently narrowed down between "Eurosceptics" and "Europeanists", depending on the country's position in this imperialist alliance. The debate around the COVID-19 funds and their conditional or non-conditional character, possible alliances with countries not aligned with the EU for obtaining vaccines and medical supplies, the Next Generation-EU funds, and the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 have been some of the main axes of discussion on the EU model. Anyway, this fake dichotomy disguises the essential, which is the European Union's imperialist character, its anti-popular policies and that attacks against the rights of workers and youth.

15. However, would be hasty to conclude these internal tensions between the US, the EU and NATO as a decline of these imperialist forces. NATO approached the Summit in Madrid in June 2022 with a twofold challenge: on the one hand, to overcome the internal tensions mentioned; and on the other hand, to insist on its aggressive and interfering role against countries and peoples that do not align or submit to its interests. To continue the successive enlargements of NATO to Eastern Europe –as now to Finland and Sweden –; to increase the military expenditure and the arms race that it encourages; to deepen the militarization of the European Union; and the transformation of NATO into a global organisation, were fundamental points they agreed for this propose. Decisions that give the "green light" for the escalation



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of NATO's aggression and the intensification of competition with Russia and China, by adopting NATO's "New Strategic Concept".

16. It is clear that this concern with strengthening the USA, the EU and NATO is due to the emergence of new regional and international forces and the establishment of new commercial, political, economic and military alliances non-aligned with their interests that objectively question their supremacy at the global level. Particularly the USA see the consolidation of new structures such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation or the Belt and Road Initiative, the search for alternatives to the dollar in international transactions and, in short, the ongoing reconfiguration of the world as a risk to their supremacy in the international arena, which is particularly threatened by the consolidation of China –which has multiplied its GDP, exports and trade ties with countless countries around the world–.

17. We call for an end to the imperialist war in Ukraine, the last military intervention of the Russian Federation, all aggressions led by the imperialist forces such as the USA, the EU and NATO, and reject any escalation of the tension. The Russian military intervention in essence marks the formal beginning of a war that has been prepared by a powder keg that has been stored up over time. The war, far from starting on 24 February 2022, finds its outbreak in 2014 by the coup d'état orchestrated by the US, the EU and NATO –and even since the dissolution of the Socialist Bloc–. We oppose the sanctions announced because the working-class and popular strata are always the ones who suffer the hardest consequences of them. We support the struggle for peace and against the imperialist war. The youth and people worldwide have nothing to gain from this situation. We encourage the anti-imperialist youth worldwide to struggle against imperialism; for the dissolution and the right for disengagement of imperialist alliances such as the EU and NATO; and against the contribution of the ruling classes of their countries in this situation by military collaboration, logistical and bases assignment and political and economical support.

18. The process that has led us to the current situation in Ukraine could be a great example of this reconfiguration of the world and how the imperialist forces such as the US, the EU and NATO intend to deal with it. If we should mention a fundamental step for the consolidation of the problems, the restoration of capitalism and the fallen of the Socialist Bloc would be crucial, as it meant the dismantling of historic workers' and people's achievements (including peace) and brought the peoples of the Socialist Bloc and the USSR back to the era of class exploitation and imperialist wars. Concerning the most recent developments, the USA, the EU and NATO have used Ukraine for a long time in their confrontation against Russia. There has been a sharpening of antagonisms focused on spheres of influence, market shares, raw materials, energy plans and transport routes. The promotion of the neo-fascist coup d'état of 2014 is an example of this strategy. The USA, the EU and NATO have been steadily



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working to incorporate Ukraine as a member of NATO. They attempt to distance Ukraine from Russian influence and use that state as a puppet in the strategy of besieging Russia. This is, today, the imperialist war in Ukraine has been a key scene of the tensions on the emergence and consolidation of capitalist forces and in which imperialist forces such as the USA, the EU and NATO try to stop the reconfiguration of the world at all costs.

19. Today, we see that regional and international forces not aligned with US, EU and NATO interests are beginning to assert themselves on the international stage with great relevance. In the new world that is emerging, the generalisation of conflict and the extension of the war to the entire globe emerges as a risk, given that the US, the EU and NATO fear losing supremacy around the world and are prepared to impose their interests in any way they can. It is in this framework that the struggle against our main and common enemy –imperialism– becomes even more important.

3) Imperialist aggressions and people's struggle

20. In Africa, as far as Western Sahara is concerned, we denounce the dangerous steps that some countries are taking towards the normalization of the Moroccan occupation. On 13 November 2020, war broke out over the Moroccan regime's violation of the ceasefire. After two years of war, some countries with interests with Morocco (as a major non-NATO ally, a country for migration control towards the EU, a way of access to the natural resources plundered in the occupied territories, and a relevant ally to defend imperialist interests in the region) such as the USA or Spain have announced their support to the Moroccan proposal that denies the right of self-determination of the Saharawi people. We reaffirm our support to the Polisario Front, the only legitimate representative of the Saharawi people, and to the UJSARIO in all its decisions and ways of struggle to achieve their liberation. We reiterate our support for the struggle of the Saharawi youth and people to exercise their right to self-determination and the construction of a free and sovereign state. We also condemn the Moroccan normalization of the Zionists in exchange for the recognition of the authority of the Moroccan regime over Western Sahara, and this is a vivid example of the intersection of the capitalist regimes and the Zionist occupation in Palestine.

21. We call for the unconditional removal of the illegal and unjust economic sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe and Eritrea by the USA and European Union. The sanctions have caused untold suffering to the ordinary people of Zimbabwe and Eritrea throw crippling their economies.

22. We reaffirm our solidarity with the people of Swaziland who are giving their own struggles risking their lives every day in a regime which acts with prosecution, torture and murder. We salute the new



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struggles carried out during the last years for education, democratisation and their rights, which were brutally repressed by the ruling classes.

23. On the 25th of October 2021, the military forces announced the coup d'etat in Sudan dissolving the Government, arresting leaders and declaring a State of Emergency in the country. On the 20th General Assembly, celebrated in December of 2019, we saluted "the struggles of the people of Sudan" who were trying "to get rid of the oppression of many decades through their peaceful revolution". This coup d'etat put at risk this popular aim that emerged in the revolution and could be a step back towards the al-Bashir regime.

24. We salute the progressive-popular forces of Sudan, especially the Sudanese Communist Youth, for their leading role during the protests and for sharing political awareness against imperialism and their regressive regime.

25. Asia and the Pacific increasingly threaten to become a key arena in which the imperialist forces seek to advance their positions, increase their sphere of influence and prevent the advances of other regional and international forces that are gaining positions in the reconfiguration of the world. We stand against the increasing US military engagement and agreements in Asia & Pacific, expressed in alliances such as AUKUS, which poses a serious threat to the peace and sovereignty of the countries of the area.

26. While DRPK, its people and its youth strengthen their commitment to the peaceful and independent reunification of the peninsula, the South Korean government follow the designs of the imperialists such as the USA by obstructing any progress. We call for an end to the escalation of tensions and provocations of the imperialists and their puppets, the anti-DPRK policies and propaganda, and the hindrances to peace, harmony and unity. The Korean people deserve the reunification of their peninsula in peace, with full independence and without imperialist interference of any kind.

27. While we came to the 20th General Assembly with a wave of protests in Iran, in recent months we are seeing a reawakening of these protests, with young people and women taking a leading role. The escalation of repression and political persecution by the theocratic regime has been key to increasing popular outrage. The demands started with justice for Mahsa Amini and quickly transcended to struggling to abolish the reactionary and hated "morality police" and even for the end of the theocratic regime, as well as in defence of peace, sovereignty, democratic rights, and social justice. And, at the same time, we can also detect certain attempts by reactionary forces in the Middle East, and their USA and EU allies, to take advantage of the situation to advance their own interests. We denounce these attempts and believe that the capitalist states, their governments, and the reactionary forces too, truly



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care neither about the situation in Iran nor the interests of the Iranian people. We reiterate that the future of Iran and its political system is a matter that should be determined by the Iranian people and them alone and salute the mobilisations and the dignified demands for peace, sovereignty, democratic rights, and social justice taking place right now in Iran.

28. Over the past months, mass protests have been taking place in Sri Lanka denouncing the problems faced by the working class and its youth. For many decades, the corrupted political practice, the foreign debt traps, the influence of foreign capital in strategic sectors of the economy, and the interferences of the regional powers, have been, among others, decisive elements in bringing about this situation. We salute the demands and the struggle of the youth, the student movement, the trade unions and the many progressive forces in Sri Lanka. We salute their struggle to demand the step down of corrupt politicians, to promote transparency, to stand against the spreading xenophobic and racist hatred, and for their rights and social justice. We demand the release of the political prisoners in Sri Lanka and the abolition of all suppressive acts including the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

29. These years have been marked by the multiple mobilisations of the Indian people against the restrictive and reactionary measures and the cuts in rights that they have tried to impose on the youth, the working class and the peasantry of India. We salute the just demands of the Indian people and we highlight the fundamental role that our sister organisations have played in the mobilizations of all the anti-imperialist youth of the country.

30. We denounce the inhumane character of the migration policies of capitalist states and imperialist forces, which cause the death of thousands of people seeking refuge every year. Imperialist wars, ecological crises, interference, occupation, plunder of natural resources and exploitation are the main ones responsible for forcing more and more people to leave their homes. Imperialism not only provokes forced migrations and refugees but also provokes, with repressive policies, the death and even the murder of thousands of people whose only "crime" was to seek better living conditions as we have seen during this period in the tensions between Greece and Turkey and Spain and Morocco, or in refugee camps such as in Moria. It is important to underline that those who launch the most xenophobic policies and messages against immigrants are actually those who are in control of the violence and the aggressiveness that are responsible for making thousands of people (mostly youngsters) refugees. We denounce the racist policies of regimes in countries that host refugees that use racism as a tool for its continuity. We also stand against all forms of social, economical, and political inequality. We stand for the rights of migrants and refugees, for the rights not to be forced to leave their homes because of imperialism, for the unity of the working class and the youth against our common enemy –imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism–, and for an end to xenophobic and racist violence.



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31. We denounce the escalation of reactionary and fascist forces in Europe, which cannot be understood apart from the anti-communist policies of imperialist forces like the EU that whitewash Nazi-fascist barbarism. In this sense, we show our solidarity with our comrades in the region who are suffering from an anti-communist offensive and even nazi-fascist attacks, for example in Serbia and Greece. Anti-communism is also promoted by the Russian leadership, slandering the invaluable contribution of Lenin and the Great October Socialist Revolution, the achievements of the building of socialism.

32. Special mention to our Ukrainian comrades who have been suffering political persecution after the coup d'état orchestrated in 2014 by the USA, the EU and NATO with the support of reactionary and fascist forces. In addition to the outlawing of communist organisations in 2015, our comrades Mikhail Kononovich, First Secretary of LCYU Ukraine, and his brother and comrade Aleksander Kononovich, who have been detained for more than 250 days by the Security Service of Ukraine, suffering torture and continuous violations of their rights under false accusations and a trial for their communist and anti-imperialist militancy, have been kidnapped. Therefore, we reiterate our demand for their complete release and that of all political prisoners and an end to political persecution.

33. We denounce the escalating aggression of Turkey, a NATO member which is trying to increase its sphere of influence in the region, playing a key role in conflicts such as Armenia and Azerbaijan, through its manoeuvres in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Eastern Mediterranean, deepening tensions – especially with Cyprus and Greece–, and taking advantage of the situation in countries besieged by imperialist wars such as Libya or Syria.

34. We are approaching almost 50 years since the occupation of Cyprus without a solution to this situation. We confirm our support towards the people of Cyprus and their demand for freedom and reunification under the solution of a bicomunal, bizonal, federal state with a single sovereignty, a single international personality, a single citizenship, with political equality between the two communities. The comprehensive solution shall include the full demilitarization of Cyprus, the withdrawal of Turkish occupation forces and settlers, the restoration of the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus, the respect of the independence of Cyprus, the respect and restoration of the human rights and freedoms of all Cypriots, including the right of all refugees to return to their homes and properties.

35. On the 19th of August 2020, the European Union –in coherence with the USA's longstanding policy against the Belarusian people– decided to take several measures against Belarus to interfere in the country to impose their imperialist interests. We condemn the support that Imperialism is giving to reactionary, extreme right-wing, and fascist forces, which participate in the movements of the last days



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with fascist symbols. We reject imperialist interference, illegal unilateral coercive measures and any attempt by Imperialism to impose its interests in Belarus or any country in the world. The future of any country in the world must be led solely and exclusively by its people, without outside interference or intrusion by imperialist forces.

36. We salute the popular demonstrations in many countries of Latin America that led to victories with a crucial role of the youth and against the advance of the reactionary, far-right wing and imperialist puppets in recent years. These steps, in any case, should not lead us to lower our guard as these forces continue to count on large and powerful supporters. It is crucial to put an end to the capitalist path of development, the domination of the monopolies in the economy and the interferences of imperialism in the region to guarantee that any conquest won by the popular struggle and comradeship solidarity between the people of the region prevail.

37. We afford this General Council 60 years after the criminal economic blockade imposed by the US against the Cuban Revolution. As we have been reaffirming in various solidarity campaigns since our 20th General Assembly, we reaffirm the solidarity and support towards Cuba, its Revolution, its people and its youth who, despite the difficulties of the US aggression, continue to demonstrate their commitment to international solidarity –for example through the sending of medical doctors– during the pandemic.

38. The unilateral coercive measures imposed by US and European imperialism on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela persist. It is the working youth and people of Venezuela who are directly suffering the dire consequences of imperialist aggression. In this sense, we express our solidarity with the Venezuelan youth and people and ratify our call for the immediate lifting of the illegal sanctions and the return of the country's assets. We also express our solidarity with the struggles of the working youth and people of Venezuela and the revolutionary forces against the advances of capital on their rights and conquests.

39. The Colombian people, especially the youth and students, have struggled to put an end to decades of governments aligned with imperialist interests, that violated the peace agreements, and repressed national strikes.

40. The Brazilian people have suffered the harshest face of Bolsonaro's reactionary policies, including the privatization of public infrastructures, the attack on indigenous, workers' and women's rights and his criminal management during the COVID-19 pandemic. His nefarious management, his anti-scientific negationism and the absence of measures to confront the pandemic have cost the lives of thousands of



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Brazilians. Moreover, today, in the face of his electoral defeat, the risk of him trying to return to power through a coup d'état remains latent.

41. Despite those who try to put an end to all advances in rights, we reaffirm our solidarity with the Chilean people and youth in the struggle to complete a constituent process that breaks with the legacy of the Pinochet dictatorship.

42. In the Middle East, the daily massacre has continued over the years. The change from the Trump administration to Biden has not brought about a change in US imperialist interests in the region, taking only 36 days after his inauguration as President of the USA to carry out its first bombing of Syria. The region has continued to be targeted by imperialism through its puppets and tools in the region such as Zionism, foreign military bases, military operations abroad, direct and indirect support to fascism, religious fundamentalism, ultra-reactionary and criminal forces and oppressive regimes.

43. Since our 20th General Assembly, Zionist aggression in the region has continued to escalate. From the colonialist plot from the "Sykes-Picot Agreement" until the current situation and the so-called "Deal of the Century", through the occupations perpetrated in 1948 and 1967 to Palestine, from the occupation of Lebanese KafrShuba hills and Shebaa Farms and the Syrian Golan Heights, every day it becomes more and more difficult to deny that the Zionists considers any agreement that could allow the existence of a Palestinian state to be a dead letter. Even during the pandemic, the violation of the rights of the Palestinian population, political prisoners, etc. has become even worse. Moreover, while the Palestinian people were suffering, the Zionists and imperialists were discussing how to further extend the occupation and annexation and how to expand the list of countries that normalise the occupation. Today it is more necessary than ever to redouble solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people for their liberation, for the end of the occupation, for the return of the refugees and the recovery of their property, for the release of prisoners and detainees, and for the construction of a Palestinian state based on the will of its people and its youth without imperialist interference of any kind. Likewise, we cannot ignore the dignified struggle for liberation and the end of the occupation in Lebanon and Syria.

44. We support the Lebanese people and the youth in their struggle against the Lebanese regime that led the country to an economic collapse and total crush in all sectors. The economical collapse that was caused due to the trio political alliance between the capitalists, the Central Bank and the capitalist economical sectors implemented anti-popular measures by a government with a neoliberal approach, privatized and eliminated all Lebanese national production and resources led to almost a total financial and economical and social default, inflecting severe suffering to the Lebanese people due to sudden high inflation, lack of health care or any minimum social rights. The transformation during the collapse



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was faced with massive protests against the Lebanese capitalist regime, especially in 2019 which was brutally silenced with violent governmental and reactionary tools and was followed by major instability events such as the Beirut port explosion that took hundreds of lives and thousands injured due to the incapability of the Lebanese regime. We also condemn the sectarian capitalist Lebanese regime negotiations with the IMF linked with indirect negotiations with the Zionist occupation concerning the exploitation of natural gas resources in the Mediterranean sea as it only serves the reproduction of the capitalist in Lebanon and the interest of the imperialists and the Zionist occupation in specific.

45. We condemn the imperialist aggression against Syria, which is embodied in the occupation of its lands by the imperialist powers –American imperialism, Turkey and Zionist Israel–, and we condemn the support of the imperialist powers for the terrorist acts carried out by obscurantist organisations, and we demand the immediate lifting of the economic blockade imposed on Syria, which leads to great difficulties in the life of all the Syrian people. We show our solidarity with the struggle of the working people and youth against the advances of the Capital over their rights. We express our full solidarity with the just struggle of the Syrian people against imperialist aggression for the sake of liberating the occupied lands and defending independence, full national sovereignty and the unity of the Syrian national territory.

46. We reiterate our solidarity with the Iraqi people. In the wake of the protests leading up to our 20th General Assembly as a consequence of unemployment and economic collapse and resulting in thousands of martyrs, injured and forced disappearances, Iraqi youth and people have kept alive the struggle for their rights. We reject any military presence on Iraqi territory especially the USA and its bases. We also denounce all the aggressions including the bombing of the region states of the Kurdistan region. Iraq is subject to a corrupted force seeking the division of the country and transforming it into a sectarian regime. Therefore, the pillars of the system are combined together and the play of their differences is more clear now, also the reactionary forces engaged against the rights of the people and the youth.

47. In this period we have seen the US withdrawal from Afghanistan. After 40 years of imperialist interference and aggression –including 20 years of invasion and occupation by the USA–NATO and their allies, it is clearly demonstrated that the real aim of the imperialist interventions in Afghanistan, as well as in Syria, Libya, Iraq etc., were the geopolitical attempts and the safeguarding of the maximum profitability of their monopoly groups in the framework of convergence- competition. The USA and its allies, after supporting the raise of the obscurantist forces, after equipping them in the war against the USSR and the People's Revolution in Afghanistan, a period when women achieved unprecedented gains, now weep crocodile tears about respect for the rights of Afghans, namely the women. We express once



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more their deep solidarity with the Afghan youth and people, highlighting that is up to them to decide upon its future and their own path of development.

48. We demand the urgent resolution of the dramatic humanitarian situation in Yemen, and the termination of the war and continuous aggression and interference from Saudi Arabia and allies that count on international support from the US, UK or France. We stress the necessity for a political solution with the participation of the Yemeni people.

49. In 2021, the Jordanian regime signed treaties and agreements with the USA, which legitimated the imperialist military presence in the country and increased the affiliation of the Jordanian regime to the imperialism and Zionists on the political, cultural and economic levels. The Jordanian economy depends today on the prescriptions and instructions of the IMF, on aid and loans in light of an external debt that is increasing year after year. These agreements signed with the IMF led to the privatization of public institutions and companies, and the exacerbation of poverty and unemployment, especially among the youth. In addition, the regime continues to engineer political life through the new political parties' law, targeting the popular forces and pressuring them. This phenomenon widened because of the dynamics of the capitalist system which created a crisis in the educational and health sectors by preparing them for privatization. Thus the constitutional amendments formed an extremely important stage to the nature of the upcoming phase closely related to what is being prepared for which is also linked to the so-called "Deal of the Century".

50. In the Arab Gulf, people continue to face oppression and authoritarian abuse from their regimes. We reaffirm our solidarity with the Kuwaiti and Bahraini people in their ongoing struggles for political reform and union freedoms. We demand resolving the issue of stateless Kuwaiti "Bidoon" and ending it on a national scale we demand the achievement of their rights and guaranteeing the equal right of women to men in all social, civil, economic and political fields by abolishing and releasing the restrictions imposed on public freedoms. We also condemn the Bahraini normalization deals with the Zionist entity and support the Bahraini people's movement against it. It is natural for us to stand with the Saudi youth who are being subjected to arrest and detention campaigns, and we call for the release of all political detainees and the opening up of political spaces for the people. We also condemn the execution policy followed by the Saudi regime, executions that included children as well. As for the other countries, all manifestations of political action are absent from them, and their systems are based on the exploitation of foreign citizens, as is happening in Qatar, and we condemn the Emirati bourgeois regime that chose its free economy and the wealth of its capital owners at the expense of the blood of the Palestinian people and the people of the region, as it resorted to normalization with the Zionist entity and the exchange of political, economic, and cultural deals with it.



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4) Struggle for peace and against imperialism

51. For all this, while the imperialists sit down to discuss and decide on the war, the World Federation of Democratic Youth must raise the flag of peace and anti-imperialism high. We must continue struggling against the number one enemy of the people: imperialism.

52. For this purpose, on the one hand, we must struggle together and united against the common enemy that all of us have: imperialism. Imperialism, as the highest stage of capitalism, represents a threat to the lives of people, workers and youth worldwide. Aggressions, interferences, wars, the plundering of natural resources, exploitation, racism, xenophobia, violence and oppression against women, LGBT-phobia. In Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa, and Europe and North America. Different faces, different tools, and different ways of suffering, but the same root problem: the exploitation and oppression of people around the world to increase the profits of the capitalists. That is why the struggle against imperialism needs to be international: to strike with one fist against our common enemy.

53. For this will, we encourage the reinforcement of international organisations such as the World Peace Council, the Women's International Democratic Federation, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the World Federation of Democratic Youth. And not only reinforcing them on our own but also the ties between us. We need to reinforce our international ties to unite the people, the women, the workers and the young people against imperialism.

54. Secondly, we must redouble the work of raising awareness of the struggles of the people and their youth in the world, of the situation in which they find themselves, of the reasons for their situation and of raising the awareness of young workers and students. Understanding their struggles is the key to taking more actions to strengthen the internationalist struggle consciously.

55. Thirdly, to deepen our internationalist solidarity in a militant way, we must take responsibility in our own countries, be aware of the connection between our national and international tasks, and stand up to our ruling classes and their responsibility for imperialist barbarism, by their direct or indirect involvement, interests, arms shipments and financing. This is, to struggle together against our common enemy –imperialism– as well as the ruling classes and monopolies in our countries.

56. Finally, we can not forget one crucial contribution to the anti-imperialist struggle that can not be forgotten: mobilizing the youth, promoting the mass struggle, developing unity and achieving victories in



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our own countries. Seeing our comrades struggling and achieving victories, resisting imperialist aggressions, and building a new society is a breath of hope for our own struggles. When we resist the offensive thrown against us and even when we are able to win, we are showing the whole world that through the struggle the final victory will be possible. Therefore, struggling and obtaining victories in our countries is a crucial contribution to the anti-imperialist struggle worldwide.