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General Secretary,

Communist Party of Greece,

Dear Comrade,

Let us salute the Communist Party of Greece and the Communist Youth of Greece for mobilizing youths and masses to carry out significant demonstrations in Athens and other major cities in Greece to commemorate the 47th anniversary of the Polytechnic Uprising of 1973, despite massive deployment of police forces and defying the right-wing government's ban on demonstrations.

We denounce the Greek government's authoritarianism in attempting to ban a legitimate event of the masses and police brutality that unleashed unjustified, unprovoked attacks on the participants including the Members of Parliament of the Communist Party of Greece and its General Secretary. Lackeys maintained by imperialists, in their attempt to dominate the world and plunder assets of the people, have violence and repression as their weapons to subdue the masses that struggle for justice. We join the progressives of the whole world in vehemently condemning the arrests of the members of the peaceful protest march and injuring several of them.

It is with revolutionary feelings the progressive masses remember the student uprising at the Polytechnic University in November 1973, with the support of the workers and the people of Athens, which was one of the decisive events that led to the overthrow of the US-led military junta in Greece.

The Polytechnic Uprising of 1973 demonstrates to the world that the only path for the downtrodden and the discriminated is the path of struggle. Progressive masses, along with workers and youths in the world, are confronted with the denial of their rights, including the right to live, especially under the dark cloud of Covid-19 pandemic.

The pandemic clearly divides the world population into those having the privilege of getting superior medical treatment and those who are left to look after themselves. Nevertheless, the pandemic has also created an opportunity for the progressive people throughout the world to unite, to struggle and seek a just world.

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The Polytechnic Uprising of 1973 teaches us, progressives, the value of correct ideology and undeterred resistance. We once again salute the progressive masses and youth for the stand they took against imperialism and its local agents.

Long live the People's Struggle!

Comradely Greetings!

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