

# **Joint International Declaration for the 50th Anniversary of Foundation of the TKP/ML**

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## **Glory to the 50th Anniversary and Year of Struggle of the TKP/ML, the Representative of the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Line of the International Proletariat in Turkey!**

*“Turkey’s future is made from steel; perhaps we will not be there, but this steel will not forget what it took.” (İbrahim Kaypakkaya)*

The contradictions of the imperialist capitalist system are deepening, and the contradictions between the imperialists are leading to unjust wars in the “sheltered regions” of Europe. The aggression of the ruling reactionary class powers towards the working class, toilers and oppressed peoples is intensifying. Even in the imperialist capitalist countries, there is a governance. Poverty is increasing and the ecological system is being destroyed on a terrible scale for the sake of greater profit. It is at this historic juncture that the TKP/ML is celebrating its 50th year of struggle, having the pride and honour of being the bearer of communist

ideology and its societal model.

It has been half a century since the founding in Turkey of the TKP/ML as part of the world revolution of the international proletariat. Comrade İbrahim Kaypakkaya adopted the theoretical and practical knowledge of the great masters of the international proletariat, comrades Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao, as his reference and guide, building the TKP/ML as a synthesis of all these values.

The durability of the base on which it was founded has brought into existence over half a century the rising communist line built on MLM ideological norms. The insistence on defending and realizing the Communist line has, at the same time, ensured its uncompromising stance in face of the attacks of the class enemy and all kinds of revisionist aggression.

While constructing the ideological foundations of the TKP/ML with Maoism, the third and highest stage of Marxism-Leninism, defining it as a product of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the most advanced point of MLM and in a sense its synthesis, was also of historic significance. When describing the basis of the founding of the TKP/ML, communist leader İbrahim Kaypakkaya's stated that: "Our Party is a product of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution", while describing the ground on which TKP/ML was founded, and this confirms this fact. The fact that the TKP/ML was built on this MLM consciousness has been the basis of its will to 'go against the stream', despite the retreat of the communist wave that shook the world for decades. The tradition created by this consciousness has been the key to it being the unhesitating bearer of an unshakeable faith in the cause of communism for fifty years.

At the same time, the TKP/ML has remained faithful to the words of Chairman Mao: "Political power grows out of the barrel of the gun!" and "If a people doesn't have an army, it doesn't have anything!", building its class struggle on the

strategy of People's War. For this cause it has established a communist tradition based on an uncompromising opposition to class enemies, sending to immortality four party general secretaries, dozens of cadres and hundreds of militants.

This sound foundation has not only ensured insistence and continuity of the armed struggle against the ruling classes, but also made sure that broad lines were drawn against all kinds of class collaborationist theories. In this fifty-year period, it has fought not only against attacks from outside the party, but also against deviations within the party that try to deform the communist line and try to make the party a part of the revisionist and opportunist movements by diverting it from its path. It has been able to show its determination to prevent such understandings from becoming dominant in the party every time.

The TKP/ML, as a detachment of the international proletariat in its struggle to realize the world revolution through the MLM line, has focused itself on realizing the revolution in the country in which it is situated. At the same time, all over the world, MLM communists have struggled to realize this line, and the TKP/ML has carried the responsibility and made efforts towards this end. The international communist movement has labored to form further troops on the ground of MLM. The TKP/ML is also aware that the necessity of implementing the communist line is a prerequisite, not only for itself, but also for MLM parties and organisations in order to create a communist world. International relations are established within the framework of these principles.

The TKP/ML will continue the communist line established by its founder and theoretician leader who contributed his own life and blood to the cause, until there is a New Democratic Revolution (Democratic People's Revolution) on an MLM line, followed by the construction of Socialism. A half century of struggle and resistance bear witness to this. In the next period, this foundation will be maintained and the

determination and unhesitating adherence to the communist line will continue. The words of Chairman Mao: "Thousands and tens of thousands of martyrs gave their lives heroically for the cause of the people before us. Let us raise their flag high and march forward on the path drawn by their blood," will continue to be the rallying cry of our struggle and we will continue to raise on high the red flag of the international proletariat.

**THE TKP/ML IS A DEPARTURE FROM A 50-YEAR SILENCE, FIFTY YEARS OF BOLDNESS IN REVOLUTION AND COMMUNISM!**

**GLORY TO THE TKP/ML'S 50TH YEAR OF STRUGGLE SINCE ITS FOUNDATION!**

**GLORY TO İBRAHİM KAYPAKKAYA, FOUNDER AND THEORETICIAN OF THE TKP/ML!**

**GLORY TO THE COMRADES OF THE TKP/ML THAT WERE IMMORTALIZED ON THEIR MARCH TO COMMUNISM!**

**LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S WAR!**

**LONG LIVE OUR NEW DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION AND THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM!**

**LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!**

**LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM!**

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