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**GREETINGS TO THE 31<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION AND  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA (CPUSA)**

Dear comrades :

Through you, the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP-1930, the Philippine Communist Party) sends warmest fraternal greetings to the 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention of the CPUSA which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 21 to 23, 2019. Congratulations also on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CPUSA, which your party will celebrate throughout this year 2019, and also through a special centenary celebration.

Your 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention is to be held amidst tense situations created by US imperialism in many regions of the world. Trump's sanctions against Iran, his sending of carrier fleets to the Gulf region, and his baseless accusation of Iranian responsibility for attacks on commercial tankers in this region, are reminiscent of the "USS Maine" and the "Gulf of Tonkin" false-news operations to justify aggression and even invasion. This extremely tense situation is even being stoked by zionist Israel's threat to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, and by the desire of the Saudi and other Arab despots to cut off Iranian assistance to anti-imperialist forces in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen.

The people of Yemen continue to face the US-backed genocidal war launched against them by the Saudi and other Arab tyrants. The Palestinian and Syrian peoples are facing a more perilous situation with Trump's open support for the fascist-zionist occupation of Al-Quds/Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. New refugee crises are being created with Trump's support for genocidal wars against Yemen, Syria, Iraq and the Lebanon ; and for the fascist-zionist plans for further land-grabbing and ethnic cleansing in the occupied Palestinian and Syrian lands.

Trump's ratcheting up of the Helms-Burton squeeze against revolutionary Cuba, and his introduction of blockades against Bolivarian Venezuela and Sandinist Nicaragua, are genocidal measures against the peoples of these countries who will never accept any US diktat at regime-change. The US blockades affect third parties and the entire international community, dictating upon sovereign countries whom they can and cannot trade with.

In Asia, the Trump regime is locked in an inter-imperialist trade war with China, and is courting ASEAN support by confronting China's hegemonist claims over (and military-base-building activities in) the Exclusive Economic Zones of ASEAN countries. This way, the USA is justifying its own continued military presence in the South China Sea and the ASEAN region. Also, the Trump demand for the unilateral nuclear disarmament of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, while maintaining the overwhelming US nuclear military presence in South Korea and Japan, is at the root of the continuing threat of a nuclear conflagration in our region.

But a more grave threat of global nuclear annihilation stems from the Trump decisions to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, and to deploy nuclear missiles in Eastern Europe and the Baltics which are all aimed at the Russian Federation.

Underlying all these dangerous situations is the profound crisis of the capitalist world economy, with glaring wealth extremes, more widespread privatizations, higher financial growth with higher unemployment and under-employment, worsened climate and ecological degradation, greater migration pressures, and the rise of fascist and extreme right-wing regimes using populist methods to safeguard the capitalist system from dissent and protests.

Your 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention is also to be held at the start of the campaign for the 2020 elections, with Trump already heaping venom against some other candidates for alleged "socialist" orientation for simply proposing the harmless sharing to workers of company stockholdings. While a "lesser-evil" choice does not leave much to be desired, it remains vital for the sake of humanity that Trump and his gang be trounced in the 2020 elections.

US imperialism, Trump or no Trump, will always mean interventionist and war-mongering adventures which have grave consequences for the whole of mankind. For this reason, communist and workers' parties, and peace-loving forces throughout the world, are looking up to the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of the USA, and particularly of the CPUSA. We therefore wish every success to your 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention, and to the realization of your new Party Program for stepping up the struggles of the peoples of the USA for peace, democracy, ecological protection and socialism.

Finally, as you sum up your party's experiences of the past century, we pay tribute to the early leaders of the CPUSA who contributed to the PKP-1930's growth as a Marxist-Leninist party in the pre-WW-II period -- particularly to Comrades Alfred Wagenknecht, Eugene Dennis and Sol and Isabelle Auerbach. We pay tribute also to Comrade William Pomeroy who was a member of the CPUSA before he joined our party in 1948 (during the Huk uprising), who was imprisoned for almost 10 years, who carried on with our party's international relations activities since the 1960s, and served as an honorary member of our Political Bureau since the 1970s and up to the time of his death in 2009.

Again, congratulations on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of the CPUSA !

With communist greetings,

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