



STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE



Refugees and Immigrants, men, women and children! To all you who are trapped in Greece!

The Communist Party of Greece (KKE) sends warm, militant, class greetings.

The KKE knows what you have been through. It is at your side, it supports you with all its strength.

You have experienced the war that forced you to leave your homes and look for safe refuge, on your own or with your families. Those who caused the war, with various pretexts and lies, are the same ones that drove you from your country.

They are the imperialists of the EU, NATO, EU, other capitalist states, which are sometimes allies and other times come into conflict with the local bourgeois forces. They are their monopolies that compete over oil, natural gas and their transport routes, over new markets. They attacked Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and other places. The USA and NATO armed and trained the Taliban, Al Qaeda, the jihadists, from time to time they support local reactionary forces. The murderous attacks in Paris, Brussels, Turkey, Pakistan and elsewhere serve them. They spread hate and division amongst the peoples.

They use national, religious, cultural differences, and make the people shed blood for their own interests and not the people's interests. For this reason the KKE says that there can be no solution to the refugee-immigration issue without confronting the causes that create it.

You have experienced a long journey to Greece; dangers to your lives and the lives of your children; the human traffickers you have been forced to come into contact with; the solidarity of the Greek people, despite the great difficulties they face due to the capitalist economic crisis. The people of Greece know about being refugees and immigrants. They have struggled heroically against fascism, for a life determined by the interests of the working class and people and not the bosses.

Today, you see your hopes broken, the consequences

of your entrapment in Greece, the wretched and unacceptable living conditions in Piraeus and Idomeni, where there is no state-organized care. Bad conditions in unsuitable places. Those of you arrived in Greece after the 20th of March, i.e. after the agreement between the EU and Turkey, live as detainees in the hot-spots on the islands, with the danger of being deported to Turkey.

Don't listen to the illusions being put about by various "well-intentioned" people and the whispers that the EU will be moved and open the borders.

**HOLD YOUR HEADS HIGH! YOU ARE
NOT ALONE! DO NOT TRUST ALL WHO
SAY THEY YOUR FRIENDS!**

They who bombed your countries and drove you into becoming refugees and immigrants are those who are blocking you from reaching your real destination countries. They are the ones that attacked the rights of the Greek people and other peoples, who smash the gains of the working class that had been won through hard class struggles.

Don't trust the EU imperialists! They see the refugees and immigrants as cheap workers for the monopolies of their countries. They bargain with your future in order to advance their geopolitical interests. They open and close their borders in line with the interests of their bourgeois classes. The German industrialists asked for 500,000 refugees, preferably Syrians. This is the reason the German government welcomed the refugees a few months ago and is now closing the borders to you.

They refuse to recognize as refugees peoples that have suffered imperialist interventions. They separate you into refugees and "irregular immigrants". They want to create divisions amongst you.

DON'T GO ALONG WITH THEIR PLANS!

The EU's decisions concerning refugees and immigrants and especially the agreement between the EU and Turkey openly violate international law and the rights of refugees. This law was created due to the decisive contribution of the Soviet Union and the other socialist states in favour of the peoples all over the world.

The Greek government bears enormous responsibilities because it voted for all the EU's decisions concerning refugees and immigrants, it passed a law so that it can implement them. Because it participates in NATO, the EU and their war plans. Because it is with capital and the monopolies and crushes the rights of the refugees and immigrants and also of the Greek workers.

Because it brought NATO to guard the Aegean sea, with the pretext of stopping the refugees and immigrants from coming to Greece and the EU, while in reality it facilitates NATO's competition with Russia and other states that are outside NATO. The presence of NATO in the Aegean makes the situation even more dangerous in the Mediterranean, Middle East, North Africa, in your country and in our country, for new more generalized wars, for greater catastrophes and poverty.

We cannot be indifferent to who governs our country, the country that hosts us temporarily or permanently and the country where we want to go. It is like being indifferent about our future, about the future of our children.

For this reason, the KKE calls on you to judge the governments in your countries, in our country and in the EU countries where you want to go on a class basis. These countries are not "paradise". Their governments are responsible for the war in your countries. The Communist Party of Greece is against the agreement between the EU and Turkey, all the decisions of the EU and the Greek government that led to your entrapment in Greece, which violate your rights. From the beginning it proposed your direct transportation from the countries next to your homelands or from the Aegean islands to the EU countries, under the responsibility of the UN and EU.

We called and call on the Greek people to struggle for Greece to stop participating in the war in Syria, in all the wars of the imperialists.

They must support your demands for:

- Your safe transport to your final destination countries, where you have relatives, where you think that you can live in safety.
- The recognition of refugee status for all the peoples that have suffered imperialist attacks.
- Humane treatment and respect for the rights of all the refugees and immigrants that are in our country.

We called and we call on our people and their movement to express their practical solidarity, demanding:

- Open, humane reception centres organized by the state for as long as you have to stay in our country. In these places, you must be provided with free, sufficient and healthy food, medical care and specialized services for the sick, pregnant women, children, under the responsibility of the state and not the Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that exploit the refugees. No refugee must be placed in danger or become ill because of staying in unsuitable and unorganized places.

We think that these demands respond to your needs, provide a temporary solution to many problems that have been caused by your entrapment. Only the joint struggle of your people and our people can win these things.

The Communist Party of Greece calls on the Greek people:

- To continue to express the multi-faceted support for and warmth towards the refugees and immigrants.
- To denounce the government for its policies on the refugee-immigration issue, to be against the terrible EU agreement with Turkey and all the decisions of the EU that attack the rights of refugees and immigrants.
- To isolate the racists and fascist organizations, Nazi "Golden Dawn" that tries to exploit the problems related to your entrapment in Greece to create division amongst the peoples and spread its revolting and inhuman theories.

The Communist Party of Greece will continue, with even greater intensity, its activity inside the working class and people, its initiatives in the international communist and workers movement for the rights of the refugees and immigrants, against imperialist war, against the system of exploitation that creates wars and poverty, refugees and immigration.

**THE FUTURE IS ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLES AND NOT ON THE SIDE OF THE IMPERIALISTS, THE EXPLOITERS!
WE MUST STRUGGLE TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE!**

