To: The Central Committee
Communist Party of Greece

Dear Comrades,

The Workers' Party of Ireland sends strong comradely greetings to the KKE on the occasion of the events taking place in Greece in honour of the 95th anniversary of the founding of the KKE.

The Workers' Party of Ireland recognises that the KKE, guided by the revolutionary worldview of Marxism-Leninism and its commitment to the principle of proletarian internationalism, has remained steadfast in its defence of the socialist construction in the USSR and other socialist countries, in its commitment to the struggle for social progress and for the abolition of capitalist exploitation.

The WPI recognises the KKE's commitment to the building of a revolutionary communist party, to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, to the necessity for class struggle and to socialist revolution. We further recognise the commitment of the KKE to assisting and supporting fraternal parties at times of great difficulty and the WPI appreciates the solidarity of the KKE in the course of our own experiences in Ireland.

Undaunted by the counter-revolution in the Soviet Union and other states where socialism was being constructed, the KKE intensified its struggle against social democracy and opportunism and remained firm in its resolve to construct a socialist society.

At various stages of its existence the KKE paid a high price for its struggles at times of unrelenting state repression when many cadres faced imprisonment, torture, persecution and death. The KKE was to the forefront of the armed struggle against nazism and fascism and in the resistance through the EAM-ELAS to the occupation by Germany, Italy and Bulgaria, while continually defending workers and their gains.

The present international situation is characterised by the deepening structural crisis of capitalism and the necessity of socialism arises from the sharpening of capitalist contradictions. Throughout Europe and the world working people recognise that capitalism cannot provide solutions to their problems. Socialism is the alternative.

The WPI believes that in these circumstances, the KKE, powerful and united, having further strengthened itself organizationally, ideologically and programmatically, and with the support of the workers and popular strata, has the resolve, ideological commitment and political experience to lead Greek workers in the struggle against opportunism, for the overthrow of capitalism and for the construction of socialism.

Dear Comrades,

The Workers' Party of Ireland sends greetings to the General Secretary, the Central Committee and the militants of the KKE and wishes the KKE a successful commemoration of the 95th anniversary of the Party.

Our Party looks forward to the development of deeper and closer relations between our two parties and to continued success in our joint work.

With comradely greetings,

Michael Finnegan, President

John Lowry General Secretary

Gerry Grainger International Secretary

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