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Mr. Khalid Aziz, Secretary General of Kurdistan Democratic Party's (KDP-Iran) message to the annual meeting of the Socialist International Council

Honourable Mr. George Papandreou, the President of the Socialist International!

Honourable Mr. Luis Ayala, the Secretary General of the Socialist International!

Honourable attendees of the of the Socialist International Council meeting!

Please accept my warmest greetings. I would have loved to participate in the meeting and had got the chance to meet you all in person, but due to numerous party-related and other duties, I was not lucky enough to join you dear comrades in our prestigious and respected organization.

Dear comrades!

This year's Council meeting is held in a situation that the international community is facing a number of conflicts and crisis, which each of them in its own way threatens the global peace and stability. The Islamic Republic is one of those countries which in different ways is involved in the contemporary international equations, such as the JCPOA and at the same time is the key player in some of these crises which threatens the stability of the Middle East. Regarding the JCPOA which is a source of deep concern within the international community, and the Islamic Republic's belligerent politics and its nuclear and ballistic missiles ambitions, we have previously expressed our views but we would like to reiterate our view which is that we believe the Islamic republic uses the JCPOA as a tool to take the Iranian people as hostage and uses that to keep the international community busy while it suppresses the people inside the country and silences any dissident voice in a bid to prolong its militaristic and oppressive rule over the people. Weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile's technology are not what the Iranian people want, but the Islamic regime solely pursues these programs to preserve its power and, in this regard, uses both official and clandestine programs and violates international conventions. Hence, I would like once again point out that regardless of the JCPOA reviving efforts succeeds or not, Islamic Republic will not become a normal regime which the international community and its allies could trust and considering its leaders' world view, this regime should never be trusted. The regime which its politics started with hostage taking, has supporting state terrorism and blackmailing the international community become its trade marks, therefore it will remain the root cause of instability in the region and in the world.

Ladies and gentlemen!

The goal of Kurdistan Democratic Party, since its establishment, has been democracy. Respecting the global liberal principles has been also an unchanged principle and guiding light in our struggle to attain our rights and for that, we have carried out a painstaking and bloody resistance against the Islamic republic's oppression. Apart from that, our party has been the main victim of the Islamic

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republic of Iran's state sponsored terrorism. Dr.Abdul Rahman Qasemlou, our legendary leader who we commemorate his 33rd assassination year in this month, was assassinated on July 13, 1989, while he was negotiating with the diplomat-terrorists of the Islamic republic to find a peaceful solution for the Kurdish question in Iran. Three years later his successor, Dr.Sadeq Sharafkandi, who had participated in 19th annual SI Congress meeting in Germany, two days after that meeting was assassinated by the Islamic republic's terrorists in Berlin in the Mykonos Restaurant. And in the recent years, the leadership meeting of a democratic and peace-loving party which is member of the Socialist International, was targeted by middle range missiles of the Islamic republic of Iran on September 8, 2018. In this terrorist attack, 16 people of our parti comrades were killed, 6 of whom were leadership members.

Dear participants of the annual meeting of the Socialist International Council!

Iranian people and especially the Kurds, have endured a more than four decades arduous struggle rights against the Islamic republic to achieve their legitimate rights. We believe that the Islamic Republic, with its continuous support for terrorism, creating instability and meddling in neighbouring countries and making the region unsafe, should never be trusted. Hence, I urge the Socialist International to support the Iranian people's protest movement against the Islamic republic, and especially the Kurdish people's movement for their rights. Kurdistan Democratic Party as a party with seven decades of struggle and active pursuit of democracy which is deeply committed to international conventions and the universal principles of human rights, believes that the best way to overcome the continuous threats from the Islamic republic on the security and stability of the region, is to support the civil movements of people to attain their human and democratic rights and establish a regime which in domestic level is democratic and legitimized by the multi ethnic people of Iran, and on the international level a government which is committed to the international law and a trusted partner for the international community.

At the end I urge our comrades in the Socialist International organization who share same goals as us, especially the SI Kurdish work group, to get engaged more actively in the matters of the region and put pressure on the Islamic regime to find a peaceful solution for the Kurdish question in Iran and at the same time I ask you to support the democratic and human rights of the Kurds in in the region.

Thank you!

Khalid Azizi

Secretary General of Kurdistan Democratic Party (DP-Iran)

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