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### **Alexander Romanovich took part in the online meeting of the Presidium of the Socialist International**

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On October 24, member of the Presidium of the Central Council of the A **JUST RUSSIA** Party, Vice-President of the Socialist International Alexander Romanovich took part in the meeting of the Presidium of the Socialist International, which was held in the format of a video conference.

This is the first meeting of the Presidency since the start of the coronavirus pandemic announcement. In addition to the Secretary General of the Socialist International Luis Ayala and President Georgios Papandreou, the event was attended by vice presidents and other representatives of this authoritative international organization from more than three dozen states from four continents. Traditionally, Luis Ayala and Georgios Papandreou opened the meeting, then all the participants of the meeting took turns speaking.

The speakers talked about the current situation in their countries, discussed the issues of support for the development of democracy, assistance in resolving regional conflicts, combating the coronavirus pandemic and overcoming its consequences for society and the world economy, as well as other topics of mutual interest.

The attendees paid particular attention to the ongoing popular unrest in Belarus and the internal political confrontation in Kyrgyzstan, the problem of resolving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, joint efforts to counter the spread of COVID-19 and overcome its negative consequences for all of humanity.

Alexander Romanovich in his speech spoke about the significant contribution of Russia to the fight against the pandemic, reminding those present that our country had created, tested and registered the world's first vaccine against COVID-19 "Sputnik V", which has already received positive feedback from the World health organizations and has generated widespread interest in many countries around the world.

Speaking about the specific efforts being made by the A **JUST RUSSIA** Party to overcome the negative consequences of this dangerous disease, the politician announced an all-Russian party action to fight poverty in July this year, during which a number of effective measures were proposed to mitigate the damage from the pandemic to Russian citizens.

Touching upon the topic of regional conflicts, Alexander Romanovich outlined the official position of the Russian Federation aimed at an exclusively political settlement of the situation

in Nagorno-Karabakh, recalling the so-called "Kazan formula" proposed by Moscow back in 2011, which implies a truce at the cost of mutual concessions between the warring parties. He also drew the attention of his colleagues to the fact that Russia, as the co-chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, is doing everything possible to implement the agreements reached earlier and expressed the hope that a compromise solution will be found, including taking into account the historically established special relations of Russia with Armenia. and with Azerbaijan.

Alexander Romanovich expressed concern about the continuing destabilization of the internal political situation in the Republic of Belarus and the conflict of political elites in the Kyrgyz Republic after the presidential elections held there on August 9 and October 4, respectively.

He spoke in support of these situations being resolved by the efforts of both countries' own political forces solely on the basis of peaceful compromise solutions and without any outside interference.

In addition, the Russian politician drew the attention of the Presidium members to the fact that today comrades from the Socialist International are imprisoned in Belarus and Kyrgyzstan - representatives of the Belarusian Social Democratic Party Narodnaya Hramada and the Social Democrats Party (formerly the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan ), in respect of which the authorities of these countries apply unreasonably harsh measures of pressure.

The politician also informed the audience that he, on behalf of the A **JUST RUSSIA** Party and the Socialist International, appealed to the President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko and the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov with an appeal to show the humanism and political wisdom inherent in true national leaders and to free them from political conclusions of the citizen of the Republic of Belarus Nikolai Statkevich and citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic Almazbek Atambayev, Temirlan Sultanbekov and their party comrades.

At the end of the event, all participants expressed satisfaction with the meeting and agreed on the need to continue communication in online format until the restrictions on live communication due to the coronavirus pandemic are lifted.

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