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Build a movement to guarantee a truly equal economy

Point #1

Create a planned economy based on prioritizing peoples' needs and that can withstand a public health emergency. The nations of the world that suffered the worst COVID-19 outbreaks were those whose profit-driven economies could not withstand the shutdowns necessary to contain the virus. Additionally, these were economies with healthcare infrastructures that are stripped down after decades of austerity and privatization schemes. A planned economy with guaranteed housing, healthcare, food, and employment is the minimum required to contain a pandemic, as well as the minimum required to rebuild the world economy post-COVID.

Redistribute the obscene wealth of the ruling class and prevent the use of government for their enrichment. The disparity between the profits of the ruling class and the wages of the oppressed classes of the world has been growing exponentially for decades. [As of 2019](#), the richest 1% of the world population own 44% of the world's wealth. With state power in the hands of the oppressed classes of the world, that wealth can be redistributed to guarantee housing, healthcare, food, and employment.

Take major industries and production out of the hands of the private sector and put it into the hands of a worker-controlled public sector. This includes every public service that has been financialized by neoliberal privatization schemes. In the private sector, the production of everyday goods is organized solely for profiting private owners, rather than producing goods based on the needs of the people. Organizing production based on need will help us avoid the regular and inevitable economic crises caused by profit-motivated overproduction, as well as ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the benefits of planned production.

Ensure equal opportunity to access and participate in the economic sphere for those with disabilities and regardless of race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. In a profit-motivated economy, the accumulation of capital depends on the repression and economic exploitation of certain groups of people, and one's worth is measured by how easily they can contribute to generating profits. Accommodations and rights for those differently-abled are considered an inconvenience, even an unnecessary cost. In a truly equal economy, it is everyone's right to contribute to and access the wealth of society according to their needs, and developing ways and means to guarantee this right would be considered a priority.

Point #2

Build a movement to end fascism, state terror, racism, sexism and all bigotry.

Immediately institute reparations to those descended from enslaved people and grant amnesty and full rights to all immigrants, migrants, and refugees. The obscene private wealth of the ruling class is built on stolen labor and land. This wealth shall be redistributed to descendents of those who produced it. Full rights and freedom of movement shall be granted to immigrants, migrants, and refugees, who are often escaping dire situations for which the imperialist powers are responsible.

Completely sweep away the capitalist and imperialist state that is built on and thrives on white supremacy, and build a state to defend the masses from racism, fascism, and all reaction. The capitalist/imperialist state machinery exists to maintain class rule, and as such relies on the suppression and exploitation of the nationally oppressed. This state machinery shall be swept away and replaced with one that guarantees full political rights for the nationally oppressed.

Guarantee full rights and liberation of women and gender-oppressed and LGBTQ people. Under the capitalist system, women and gender-oppressed and LGBTQ people face super-exploitation, sexual abuse, and bigoted practices in the workplace. Full rights and liberation will be guaranteed.

Point #3

Build a movement to improve the quality of life for poor and working people and to protect people's health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guarantee employment for all. Under the capitalist system, the ruling class requires a reserve army of the unemployed in order to suppress wages and workers' rights. In a pro-people socialist society, where production and labor are organized by need, jobs are guaranteed to those who seek them.

Ensure adequate wages and safe working conditions for those who must work during the COVID 19 pandemic, and ensure adequate financial support to those who can't. Increase pay for workers facing hazardous conditions. Workers must be provided with proper personal protective equipment and working conditions that ensure optimal physical distancing, sanitation and hygiene. Employers which receive government stimulus funds should be penalized for terminating workers. People who are unable to work must be provided with unemployment payments that meet their needs.

End the practice of contractual labor and union-busting. These practices are tools of the ruling class to abdicate responsibility for paying reasonable wages and providing benefits.

Support the establishment of strong unions. Unions that exist must be strengthened, and unions shall be established where they do not exist. Active, strong unions are necessary to secure higher wages and quality of life.

Point #3 (cont'd)

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Guarantee housing for all. The poor, workers and the lower levels of the middle class are being forcibly displaced to make way for real estate developments for the profit of the ruling class. These practices need to be ended with the right to return for those who have been displaced and new sustainable and quality housing opportunities for all. During the COVID pandemic, we must prevent the forced displacement of more people by suspending payments for rent and utilities and banning evictions.

Conduct nationwide mass testing, increase services, and enact protective measures for people most susceptible to COVID-19. Provide free COVID testing, health check-ups, urgent care, and mental health services especially for the elderly and immuno-compromised. Direct more resources to improving the public health infrastructure in order to meet the demand for testing and health services. Release people from detention centers and prisons to reduce overcrowding.

Ensure the engagement and leadership of workers in the political struggle towards a new socialist society. Workers own nothing but their labor power and thus their liberation is intertwined with the liberation of all humanity from imperialism.

Point #4

Build a movement to end imperialist war, repression, military intervention, occupation and sanctions, and struggle for a just peace.

Build a united anti-imperialist anti-war movement that fights against wars of counter-revolution and aggression, struggles for a just peace based on social equity and economic justice, and defends the right to self determination by any means necessary. As Lenin said over 100 years ago, Imperialism means war. Today, the people continue to face ceaseless wars of aggression, racism and fascism; inter-imperialist rivalries; a new arms race including space militarization; counterinsurgency and wars of suppression paraded as wars on drugs and terror; and multifaceted “hybrid war” including sanctions, economic war, cyberwar, misinformation interference, destabilization and regime change schemes. As imperialism faces unprecedented crisis, the ruling class increasingly turns to war and fascism to clamp down on dissent.

Shut down the imperialist war machine and all of its tentacles. We must fight to immediately end US wars and occupation and withdraw all US troops abroad. We must end sanctions which are killing millions of people in 39 countries through starvation, malnutrition, and denial of medicine and other essential needs. We must shut down the more than 800 US military bases around the world, which violate the sovereignty of nations and are used to launch wars. We must shut down the US Pacific Command (PACOM), Africa Command (AFRICOM), Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command, and all other US military commands which have divided up the entire globe. We must end all US aid and weapons sales to regimes that are using them to repress their people.

We must act in solidarity with movements who are fighting against US war, occupation, counterinsurgency, sanctions and intervention in their lands.

Point #5

End the plunder of the land and its people, the root cause of the environmental and climate crisis

As the ILPS Commission on the Defense of the Environment has stated in the Declaration of the 6th International Assembly of ILPS, “imperialism is causing massive ecological devastation and intensifying climate crisis. This has led more people to live in inhumane conditions while concentrating global wealth and resources to a small elite.” This could not be closer to the truth during this time of increasing extreme weather events such as hurricanes and typhoons, longer and hotter heat waves, fires, and droughts, rising sea levels and coastal erosion. Unsustainable removal of forest lands, mountaintop removal mining, and other destructive extraction processes lay bare the unrestricted advance of the monopoly energy industry into the lives of the working masses whose labor power constitutes the true basis of society’s energy. Chemical engineering plants, natural gas fracking and toxic spills with little to no oversight pollute the land and leave poor and working people with long-term medical conditions. Indigenous peoples in particular suffer national oppression as pipelines and other energy infrastructure projects are built on their lands without free, informed and prior consent.

There is a need to wage united anti-imperialist struggle against the monopoly capitalist system and its inherent tendency towards the crisis of overproduction, the root of the environmental and climate crisis. Our calls:

1. **Struggle against the unrestricted monopoly energy industry and the crisis of overproduction**
2. **Demand oversight and clean up of all oil and chemical spills with full compensation to those affected**
3. **Resist land grabs and attacks on indigenous sovereignty by monopoly corporations and the state forces that ensure their construction**
4. **Fight for a genuine just transition towards a pro-people socialist economy that puts the lives of people and the sustainability of the environment at the forefront.**