

Declaration of solidarity with the miners in Ukraine

4th May 2017 was marked by the beginning of a new and the so far largest workers' protests in Ukraine of the 21st century. On this day the night shifts of three mines of the iron ore combine Krivoj Rog refused to leave the mine. Workers' assemblies were held underground. The miners put forward their demands, such as raising wages for heavy workers to 1.000\$, at least in order to return to the wage level of 2012!

On 6 May miners of the Artem mine joined the protest actions of the iron ore combine. On 10 May 200 workers of the mine Jubilejnaja remained underground. What is remarkable is that the miners' movement has developed in privatized mines, among others of the corporation groups Evraz, Russia and Arcelor Mittal. Others belong to Ukrainian oligarch capitalists. Now workers' unrests are increasing, also in the state-owned mines of the Lwow-Wolynsk-coal basin.

A report from Ukraine states: *“It is positive that the workers of Ukraine now stand up to defend their social-economic rights, and that they do not allow their movement to be hijacked by any bourgeois-political party. In this situation it is necessary like never before to develop maximum structures of horizontal coordination between the protesting workers, as well as to call upon the workers all over the world for international solidarity with the protesting workers of Ukraine.”*

Even though most of the protests have been ended for the time being, ICOR calls for broad solidarity with the miners in Ukraine today and in the future. Send solidarity messages, inform about the strike movement in Ukraine! Get in contact with the trade unions and discuss solidarity actions!

Solidarity messages to:

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Signatories (as of 28.6.2017, further signatories possible):

1. ORC Organisation Révolutionnaire du Congo (Revolutionary Organization of Congo), Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
3. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
4. MLOA Marxist-Leninist Organization of Afghanistan
5. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
6. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
7. Ranjbaran Hezb-e Ranjbaran-e Iran (Proletarian Party of Iran)
8. NDMLP New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party, Sri Lanka
9. Krasnyj Klin Gruppya Kommunistov-Revoljucionerov „Krasnyj Klin“ (Group of Communist Revolutionaries “Krasnyj Klin” [Red Wedge]), Belarus
10. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)

11. БРП(к) Българска Работническа Партия (комунисти) (Bulgarian Workers Party (Communist))
12. KSC-CSSP Komunistická Strana Československa – Československa Strana Práce (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Czechoslovakian Workers Party), Czech Republic
13. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
14. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
15. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
16. BP (NK-T) Bolşevik Parti (Kuzey Kürdistan-Türkiye) (Bolshevik Party (North Kurdistan-Turkey))
17. MLP Marksistsko-Leninskaja Platforma (Marxist-Leninist Platform), Russia
18. MLGS Marxistisch-Leninistische Gruppe Schweiz (Marxist-Leninist Group of Switzerland)
19. TIKB Türkiye İhtilalci Komünistler Birliği (Union of Revolutionary Communists of Turkey)
20. KSRD Koordinazionnyj Sowjet Rabotschewo Dvizhenija (Coordination Council of the Workers Class Movement), Ukraine
21. PR Partija Rada (Party of Labor), Yugoslavia (ex)
22. PR-ByH Partija Rada - ByH (Party of Labor - Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bosnia and Herzegovina
23. PCC-M Partido Comunista de Colombia – Maoista (Communist Party of Colombia - Maoist)
24. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
25. PC/ML Partido Comunista (Marxista-Leninista) de Panamá (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) of Panama)
26. PML del Perú Partido Marxista Leninista del Perú (Marxist-Leninist Party of Peru)
27. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia

Signed after the release date:

28. SMKC Svaz Mladych Komunistu Československa (Union of young Communists of Czechoslovakia), Czech Republic
29. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
30. ROL Revolutionary Organization of Labor, USA
31. Andreas Tadysiak – Hauptkoordinator der internationalen Bergarbeiterkoordination