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Dear Comrades:

RE: an update of the socialist program

We have got acquainted with the fundamentals of your program and would like to comment it as follows. It is laudable that you have been following the ideas of such great thinkers and revolutionaries as Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. However, now that the emotional perception of the great and tragic events of the 20th century has largely disappeared being replaced by a more calm view of them, it is possible to see the achievements of those personalities in a more objective light.

During our decades-long research in exact sciences and humanities, we have discovered the true interpretation of the General System Theory, which enabled us to develop the frameworks of the true sciences of politics and economics, nonexistent or underdeveloped before. Those achievements made it possible to work out a new, modern interpretation of Marxism – Marxism-21, that holds the following:

- (1) politics cannot be reduced to economics, as Marx thought; politics consists of two parts: (a) politics proper, that is ideology, religion, the type of government; and (b) economics; there are countries that give preference to economy (EP-countries), those giving preference to politics proper (PE-countries) and neutral N-countries that have no clear ideological preferences;
- (2) it is known that any state develops successively through the following stages: monarchy, tyranny, aristocracy, oligarchy, democracy and republic; revolutions are necessary only to achieve democracy as a dominant mode of governing; but democracy is not socialism, it is only a necessary condition for it; so the term "socialist revolution" seems to be a nonsense;
- (3) the socialist society is based on the people's self-governance and emerges evolutionarily as a result of democracy and republic merging and developing into a stable self-governance; during that political development, economy develops respectively, becoming ever more self-financing and ever more engaged in competition between its private and public sectors; that competition becoming the main moving force of the economy; so there is no necessity to expropriate private property to get to socialism, as some orthodox Marxists have thought;
- (4) as to the communist society, it is simply a highly developed global socialist society consisting of three groups: a EP-group, a PE-group and a neutral N-group, the first two competing with each other and cooperating with the third, thus solving best all global problems; but the communist society is still a very distant future.

In the light of our above research, the most outstanding achievements of the above great people seem to be the following:

- for Karl Marx: the discovery of the true method of scientific research, derived from Hegel's dialectical logic, and a revolutionary application of that method in his great research in economics, thus initiating the reform of modern science and giving birth to the socialist and communist revolutionary activity the world over;
- for Vladimir Lenin: the organization and the mobilization of the people of Russia to undertake a historical geopolitical reconnaissance operation into the future of civilization; the operation now looking successful in the light of our above research, in particular;
- for Leon Trotsky: his decisive contributions to the organization of the October 1917 revolution, the Red Army and the Bolsheviks' victory during the Civil War of 1918-1921.

Now that the general ideological crisis of civilization develops fast, pulling Europe and Russia back to a new incarnation of fascism and threatening the very existence of humankind, the struggle for socialism, instead of being earlier simply the matter of ideological preference, has become the matter of survival. For this reason, our recent breakthrough in political science and modern

interpretation of Marxism comes right to the point.

As our research suggests, to prevent the world catastrophe and approach socialism, it is necessary now to intensify public activity for self-organization and self-governance in the PE-countries and for competent public sectors of economy in the EP-countries, while intensifying also efforts to settle the above general ideological crisis.

In this connection we call on you to replace your orthodox ideology by our scientific, true revolutionary one, stated in our online articles: "Marxism-21" (<http://kvisit.com/Sztq9Aw>), "Socialist Manifesto" (<http://kvisit.com/S7pn0Aw>) and "New Marxists of Europe" (<http://kvisit.com/SppT1Aw>).

Best regards,  
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