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Credo of US Friends of the Soviet People

<u>U.S Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to</u> <u>supporting the struggles to restore socialism in</u> <u>Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.</u>

We carry on the tradition of the "Hands off Russia" Committees that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention.

The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against US Imperialism - the main enemy of humanity.

USFSP acts as a unifying force to help consolidate and coordinate the antiimperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as socialist states.

We act as a unifying front but are not a forum for ideological debates. The people of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe will choose their own paths towards socialism.





SAFEGUARD HUMANITY AGAINST FASCISM

Adopted at the April 2023 International Anti-Fascist Forum in Minsk, Republic of Belarus

We, the participants in the International Anti-Fascist Forum from the countries of Asia, America and Europe, have gathered in Minsk to say a firm "No!" to war and reaction, neo-Fascism and oppression.

We have met in the land of Belarus, every inch of which has been washed in the blood of millions of the victims of Hitlerism. It is here that in June 1941 began the sacred war of the whole Soviet people against the Black Plague. One in every three citizens of the Byelorussian SSR was killed or tortured to death as a result of the German Fascist aggression.

Nazism was the direct result of the crisis of capitalism. It grew out of the need of Big Capital to preserve its power over the working people at any cost. To further their selfish ends the imperialists have embarked on the road of supporting the darkest forces.

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These forces brought to power Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and their ideological accomplices. from a political fringe, the Nazis became the rulers of millions of people.

The world's peoples need to remember the experience of the struggle against Fascism. In 1936, with the support of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, a civil war was instigated in Spain. The duly elected Republican government was supported by the USSR and other progressive forces. However, the large influx from Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany turned the tide in the favor of Franco.

The fascist victory in Spain paved the way for the outbreak of World War II in Europe. Logically, this direction had to give way to the gas chambers of the death camps - Buchenwald, Mauthausen, Dauchau, Sobibor, Majdanek, Auschwitz, and Jasenovik.

The tragic lessons of the past should be well known and always remembered! The world has paid a huge price to rid itself of Fascism.

The heroes included soldiers and officers of the Red Army, Allied warriors, fighters from the People's Liberation Army in China, European resistance fighters and partisans and the German anti-Fascist underground.

The Red flag over the Reichstag in May 1945 is not only a special fact of the past. The meaning of the Great Victory over Fascism reaches out to the future. It is a signal appealing to the hearts of new generations.

Today, like in the 1930s, Fascism is again spreading over the planet. It overcasts the horizon more and more. People of good will must again show courage and unify against Fascism.

The situation is extremely alarming. Whether it is the Ukraine in Europe, or Palestine in the Middle East, or Neo-Colonialism in Africa, US Imperialism is rearing its ugly head. The imperialists are whipping up tensions in Asia. Blood is being shed in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and other corners of the planet. Before our eyes, the world is about to fall into a gaping abyss in which the sinister outlines of NATO Swastika is emerging.

The treacherous destruction of the USSR, which had taken the initiative in leading the movements to destroy Fascism, has strengthened the world predators. Global Capital sensed total impunity. It is imposing its dictatorship by hideous means. The deadly threat of a Fascist revenge is growing every Odessa Trade Union House on fire 2014 by Nazi elements in the day in Ukraine. The Nazi beast has licked up its old wounds and is fast gathering strength. Emboldened, it is creeping out of its NATO den in search of new victims.

The world evil came back in a neo-liberal guise. It has created a global system of plundering entire countries and peoples. It has stained itself with aggression against Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, and Palestine. Attempts have been made to overthrow the legitimate governments in Venezuela, Nicaragua and Byelorussia. Sanction pressure has been unleashed against the peoples of Russia, China, Cuba and the DPRK. Military threats and political blackmail are used as well.

On the eve of World War II, Hitler's storm troopers were directed by financial capital. In the 21st century it is guided by NATO. Fascism, which was vanquished 78 years ago, has not disappeared from the face of the earth because the world oligarchy badly needs its services. That is why Nazi riff-raff march in Lithuania and Estonia. Books are being burned in Kiev. Monuments to Soviet liberators are pulled down in Warsaw. European politicians initiate wicked resolutions trying to equate Hitler's Nazism to Soviet Socialism. The Fascist scum is set to take a historical revenge. Direct support of the USA and its NATO allies has elevated Nazi ideology to government levels in Zelenskyy's Ukraine.

For many years, the followers of Ukrainian fascist Stepan Bandera have been tormenting the popular They have turned Ukraine into a masses. concentration camp for dissenters, shut down media outlets they do not like, banned opposition activities and launched persecution of communists. The Kiev regime targets all those who have preserved the ideal of Socialist Brotherhood of Peoples and loyalty to the Great Soviet Victory over Fascism. These fascist Ukrainians burned trade unionists alive in the Odessa Trade Union House of Labor. Year in and year out the fascist Azov thugs have killed and wounded civilians in the Donbas region.



Euromaidan Coup. About 50 trade unionists were trapped and murdered. Photo credits: Reuters

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Donbas and Lugansk citizens rose up in a liberation struggle against neo-Nazism. Western governments, led by the United States, began pumping Bandera Ukraine with weapons. Zelenskyy already says he wants to have the nuclear weapons, and NATO has failed to stop his drive for war. On the contrary, NATO says it is prepared to transform the Ukrainian army with new weapons. And the imbecile leaders in Washington and London are ready to give depleted battle! uranium shells to the neo-Nazi regime in Kiev.



Neo-Nazis march in Ukraine with fascist flags of the Azov battalion and the infamous "blood and soil" flag.

throughout the world. Four hundred bio-laboratories pasarán! They shall not pass! in the USA and other countries are conducting experiments with deadly viruses and bacteria. The consequences of these actions may upset peaceful development of entire states. Moreover, they threaten the whole mankind as a species.

The communists have always warned that "Fascism is war." The course of events confirms this. The answer of the peoples can only be one: the Fascist monster must be destroyed. The atrocities condemned in Nuremberg must not be repeated. We have no right to allow fascists to perpetrate new crimes.

The acts and intentions of the imperialist West are soaked in vicious hatred of everything progressive, sovereign and free. The leaders of the US and Europe and their cronies are only pawns in the system of global capitalism.

Neoliberalism is a vicious enemy of any independent development and democratic norms. The political forces in the West have degenerated into absolute autocracies. The bourgeois elites have lost touch with the values of freedom and humanism. Their behaviour is opening ever wider the doors for neo-Fascism.

Writhing in agony, capitalism is clinging to life at all costs. It is not afraid of a reincarnation of Fascism. They are furiously destroying the memory of the Second World War and falsifying historical facts.

The plans of "a new world order" end up in aggression and conflicts, neo-Fascism and neo-colonialism, and the threat of a new world war. The whole world is becoming a battlefield. It is our duty to win this

The key to success is unity of the peace-loving forces of the world. Victory against fascism can only succeed if it is international. We are deeply convinced that our international solidarity can safeguard humankind against the Fascist threat and the slide into the abyss of a world war. We declare this here in Byelorussia because it is on this sacred land that links the past, present and future.

Dear friends, in the ending days of the Second World War a great militant alliance was formed against Fascist barbarism - a union of communists, patriots, and democratic fighters against tyranny. Despite of social and ideological differences, and different political and religious views, the alliance was created. This is the issue of our time.

Let us unite in the struggle against neo-fascism, reaction, and imperialism!

NATO countries are not only spreading deadly Long live the solidarity of working peoples and weapons. They have deployed their military bases nations in the struggle against Fascism! ;No



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