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Resolution for Left Unity National Conference on 29th March 2014

Left Unity's European work

We note the recent 4th Congress of the European Left Party the final political document of which stated:

“The global crisis of capitalism, after decades of accumulation of profits and massive redistribution of wealth and power in favour of capital, affects in one way or another every country and every aspect of social life. Extreme austerity policies, shrinking and precarious employment, privatization of public goods and companies, destruction of a large part of the productive forces, dramatic reduction in the Welfare State, weakening of democratic institutions, strengthening of repression and emergency powers have all been employed to maintain the dominance of capital and global profitability.

The situation has become unsustainable for the peoples of Europe. Austerity and authoritarianism are applied as part of the European oligarchies' strategy to dominate the peoples...

Today, crucial choices have to be made. There will be no maintaining of the status quo or going backwards. If the current choices are upheld, the EU will increasingly be reduced to an authoritarian management board and producer of social regression, threatening any idea of solidarity and European justice. We propose a break in order to found a new European project, one which is based on the interests of the peoples and respect for their sovereignty, in order to restore a sense of meaning to European integration.

For us, there is no question of waiting for the European Union to crumble, and for the monsters that could emerge from the rubble, nor of promoting nationalist solutions setting the peoples against one another. The European Left, which we represent, is internationalist and stands together in solidarity. We strive towards a socialist alternative, a civilisation freed from capitalism, exploitation, oppression and capitalist violence. Ours is a vision that guarantees not only a distribution of wealth that supports work and an advanced social and economic development model, but also democracy, equality, democratic and social rights for all European citizens.

It is to this end that we fight for a re-foundation of Europe, in other words, for a new definition of its objectives, policies and structures; an economic, productive, social and ecological model that is totally different, and that is based on solidarity, social justice and popular sovereignty.”

Left Unity supports this call for a re-foundation of Europe, on a socialist basis, and commits to working to this end in solidarity and internationalism with the European Left Party and other anti-capitalist left forces in Europe.