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## STATEMENT OF PEAEA-DSE

**“The imperialists re-divide the world, they draw the borders with the blood of the peoples for the interests of their monopoly groups ! ”**

The capitalist Russian Federation, after the recognition of the so-called "People's Republics" of Donetsk and Lugansk, which have seceded from Ukraine in 2014, proceeded to imperialist military action in Ukraine. Regardless of whatever pretexts both sides use, it is an escalation in the context of the intensification of imperialist antagonisms and the confrontation between the US, NATO, the EU and Russia. It is linked to the intervention of the USA - NATO - EU in Ukraine, which support the reactionary government in Kiev, the paramilitary mechanisms and the fascist groups in Ukraine and which have been promoting their positions for years.

With their provocative moves that all along have been extending the boundaries of the NATO predatory alliance to the east, encircling the Russian Federation and arming Ukraine. It is also linked to the armed offensive launched in recent days by the Ukrainian Government against the people of the Donbas. The peoples of Ukraine and Russia will pay a very heavy price for Russia's imperialist warfare.

The risk of generalising the war is unfortunately real and may involve other countries. It could lead to a military conflict of unpredictable proportions, all the more so as it is linked to the general confrontation between the US - EU - China - Russia. In this eventuality, other peoples will also be victims. At the same time, other peoples are paying a heavy price with the huge increases in fuel prices for the profits of the monopolies.

Once again, it is confirmed that war is the continuation of imperialist peace, it is the continuation of politics by other means, by the use of weapons. And once again, the intensification of imperialist competition results in war conflict, dragging peoples into the suffering of war. It proves that imperialist war is the other side of the coin of imperialist peace.

It also shows that agreements signed between imperialist states and alliances that are the product of compromises can be violated and cancelled in practice under the intensification of imperialist rivalries for the sharing of spheres of influence. As is the case now between Russia on the one hand and the US-EU on the other. That is why no such agreement is a guarantee of peace.

Confidence-building measures such as the Open Sky Agreement at the beginning of the 1997 NATO-Russia Founding Act and arms limitation did not prevent either the war in Yugoslavia, nor the expansion of NATO, nor now Russia's military invasion of Ukraine. They were made to be violated, as was the Minsk Agreement, because that is what the opposing interests of the monopolies and rival states and coalitions demand, despite the 1997 agreement. And as long as monopolies exist, imperialist peace will alternate with imperialist war.

Nevertheless, the Ukrainian people and the Russian people, like the peoples of the other nationalities of the socialist USSR lived for 70 years of socialist governance in peace, progressing and growing by leaps and bounds, improving their lives, without nationalist and chauvinist hatreds and passions that are now, after the overthrow of the socialist regimes, being cultivated by the bourgeoisies of these countries and the imperialists to justify their interventions against the peoples.

The Panhellenic Union of National Resistance Fighters and the Democratic Army of Greece (PEAEA-DSE), which represents the EAM resistance and the struggle of the DSE for a Greece without exploitation with the working people in power, as well as all the Greek people who lived through the war and its consequences, condemns the imperialist interventions and their wars, as it is happening now in Ukraine. The attack of the Russian troops in Ukraine not only does not solve the problems of the region but complicates them, as it happened before with the other imperialist interventions of the US-NATO-EU in Yugoslavia, Syria, Libya, Iraq, etc.

We condemn the active involvement of our country in these imperialist competitions in the name of the geostrategic upgrading of the Greek bourgeoisie. The Greek governments of ND, PASOK and SYRIZA have supported all NATO decisions and plans for the expansion of this murderous imperialist alliance and the encirclement of Russia. They have given and continue to give and provide bases and ports, our country's airspace to the US-NATO-EU imperialists, which are used by them to transport troops and war material for the encirclement of Russia.

It is our people who are "paying the price" with the increase in goods' prices and in fuel prices, energy poverty, NATO armaments. At the same time, the unacceptable claims of the Turkish bourgeoisie in the Aegean and Cyprus are intensifying.

The position of the people does not lie in the choice of one or the other imperialist pole. The dilemma is not the US or Russia, NATO or Russia. The workers-people's struggle must draw an independent line away from all bourgeois and imperialist projects. Workers must not be trapped in a sterile and dangerous confrontation cultivated by imperialism to hide the real causes of the conflict for imperialist interests. We stand in solidarity with the peoples against the bourgeois classes.

We call upon the fighters of the National Resistance, the Friends and Descendants of the Resistance, together with our youth and all the Greek people to react to the imperialist interventions. We say no to imperialist war. Only the peoples can be sovereign, who must condemn the bourgeois classes and governments of their countries, which are leading them to massacre, both in Ukraine and in Russia, everywhere.

- We demand that Greece's involvement in the US-NATO-EU plans in Ukraine must stop and return back home all the Greek soldiers involved in such missions.
- To shut down now the US-NATO military bases in our country.
- To strengthen the struggle for disengagement from the imperialist unions of NATO and the EU.
- To strengthen our struggle for the only alternative that exists which is on the other road to development, with the peoples in socialism.

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