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## No Illusions Over the G20 Summit

**O**n April 2, the Summit of the G20 countries will be held in London, and hosted by the British government, allegedly in order to take measures to

deal with the global economic crisis. The very nature of the event shows that it is an attempt by the big powers, and particularly Anglo-American imperialism, to rescue neo-

liberal globalisation, to pull the chestnuts out of the fire, and to persuade the people of the whole world that fundamentally there is nothing wrong with global capitalism.

The Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has already pointed out that one of the main aims of the G20 Summit is to head off the threat of growing

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# ORGANISE TO OPEN UP THE WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS!



**T**he proposals for the G20 that have been coming from Brown and Darling as ideologues for the Anglo-US monopoly capitalist system have as their aim to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for this system. Brown and Darling have emerged as the

champions of state monopoly capitalism. This is their "route map" to so-called economic recovery, to stimulate all economies to "rapid effect". However, if the cause of the crisis is not addressed, then solutions cannot be found, and the cause of

the crisis is this very system which pays the rich and denies the people's well-being.

The people's resistance against economic wrecking and paying the rich is being stepped up, and must become further organised to combat the attempts of the US,

Britain and the other big powers to make the working people and the masses of the world shoulder the burden of the crisis.

The working class has its con-

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### Landmark Anniversaries

## Successful Seminar: "There *Is* A Way Out of the Crisis"

**A** SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (MARXIST-LENINIST)

in London on Saturday, March 14, on the theme, "There *Is* A Way Out of the Crisis!" The seminar was held to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of RCPB(ML) and the 15th anniversary of the launch of its general line for this period. It was a fitting and very timely way of marking the anniversaries, bringing together Party members and supporters, as well as old and new friends of the Party, demonstrating where the work of the Party has advanced to at this time and pointing the way forward.

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RCPB(ML) in a number of papers dealing with the thesis of "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis", the application of this line in the workers' movement, the elaboration of its analysis of Britain's role in the world, and the professionalisation of the Party that is required in fighting to apply the line effectively. A delegation of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) participated in the seminar, presenting an important message and intervening in the discussions.

The hall was decorated with Party banners, the interventions of the participants were lively and concrete, and the day concluded with a short but effective cultural programme of video, music, poetry and songs.

### The general line

The paper given by National Spokesperson of RCPB(ML), Chris Coleman, concentrated on the general line of the Party as contained in the document "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis", the launch of which fifteen years ago the seminar was marking. It looked at the essence of the thesis put forward, in the light of the present situation, in order to facilitate discussion on the tasks which confront the Party and the working class and people at the present time and discuss the way forward.

Comrade Chris Coleman pointed out that it was also the 30th

anniversary of the founding of the Party, so that even though the concentration of the seminar was on the period from 1994, this was being done with due regard for and paying tribute to all the work and sacrifices which were made by Party comrades right from 1979 and before, dating back to RCPB(ML)'s forerunner organisations. It is those sacrifices, those stands, which gave the Party its fighting quality, its red spine and revolutionary spirit, and which have inspired the Party's work ever since.

The document "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis" was launched on March 19, 1994. That was shortly after the very important international seminar which was held in Coventry in January 1994, in which Comrade Hardial Bains put forward his view, and that of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) of which he was National Leader, on the character of this period which began with the collapse of the bi-polar division of the world, and the tasks of the communist and workers' movement in this new period. This analysis guided the general line which was formulated by our Party.

### Wellbeing of the people

The document sets out by first rejecting the policies which were being put forward by the government of the time, the government of John Major, which said that the only way forward was to subordi-



**Chris Coleman, National Spokesperson of RCPB(ML)**

nate everything to the success of "business" and the cutting of public expenditure. The document from the outset rejected that argument and said that there is a way out of the crisis, and that way is by putting the wellbeing of the people at the centre of everything. It puts forward that one of the greatest achievements over the centuries in the struggle against medievalism has been the recognition of the responsibility of the state for the social or public wellbeing. And the struggle at the current time was between those who wanted to bring back medievalism and put everything in the service of their own interests, and those on the other hand who wanted to carry the struggle against medievalism through to its logical conclusion with guarantees for the life and liberty of all. This is the nub of the argument, that this was the struggle at the time and it continues to be the struggle for this whole period. The document puts forward that the working class is the only revolutionary force which can rally all the other revolutionary forces and close the door on medievalism. It puts forward that the working class, as it was right back to the time of the Chartists in this country, is at the

centre of the forward march of society.

### Retreat of revolution

It characterises the period which began around 1990 as the retreat of revolution. The epoch is still that of imperialism and proletarian socialist revolution, but now is a period within that of the retreat of revolution as opposed to its flow, with reaction on the offensive and attempting to turn back the clock. Even issues that had been resolved with the victory over fascism in the Second World War were being un-resolved. All norms which had been accepted internationally, the UN Charter, the Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions on warfare, which had been recognised and established in international law with the victory over fascism, were being removed.

It points out that this was a period of the re-division of the world, with the great danger of a new world war. But at the same time, the factors for revolution were growing, all the contradictions were sharpening between the imperialists and the oppressed people, between labour and capital, particularly on the question of

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the right to govern and the guarantees of social wellbeing. The working class which had taken centre stage in the October Revolution had also taken centre stage in the victory over fascism in the Second World War, also emerging again with its role in history. The contradiction between capitalism and socialism was sharpening, and conditions were ripe for a new society. The analysis brought out very graphically the barbarity of the capitalist system, beginning as it did with the driving of the peasants off the land, with the most appalling tortures for those who were found wandering the countryside in search of a livelihood, the kidnapping and the murder of children in the newly developing factories, the transport of millions in the terrible slave trade, the plunder of whole continents such as the Indian sub-continent. The utter barbarity of capitalism has not changed with its development into monopoly capitalism, where the primary characteristic is devastation, danger of renewed fascism, of another war, with whole continents such as Africa reduced to disease and despair. Such was the genesis of capitalism and to this very day this outmoded system retains its inhuman character.

## Motive of production

It is still being argued that the success of business will trickle down, will bring success and wellbeing to everybody. The document points out very clearly that it is the nature of capitalist production that success for the bourgeoisie means ruin for the working class and people. There are no two ways about this. Very pertinently, one sees in the document that it raises the question of the purpose of the government's increasing its borrowing. Is it to tide the people over in difficult circumstances? Or is it to line their own pockets. That is a question which has come up very graphically in the last period. The document puts forward without equivocation that private ownership of the means of production

and virtually absolute rule by the executive is the basis of the entire crisis, economic and political. It makes the point that there are no rights which are guaranteed simply by virtue of people's being human.

## Forward or back?

The nub of the document's argument is that there is class war between those who want to take society back to medievalism and those who want to take society forward to a new system fit for human beings. The Party has a great role to lead and organise this battle, with the immediate aim of blocking the government from unloading the crisis onto the shoulders of the people and in the long-term to usher in a socialist society.

The analysis points out that the majority of people want change, that they are not reconciled to the profits going to a small privileged minority, and want to have a say in the direction of the economy and the political life of the country.

It puts forward the elements of a programme, where social spending will be increased and will guarantee the highest level of facilities for all, not just for the privileged. In the political sphere it calls for democratic renewal of the political processes, including bringing in mechanisms so that working people can select their peers to stand to represent them, that the full rights of citizenship should be granted to all residents of the country, that the languages and the cultures of the national minorities should be encouraged and allowed to flourish. It calls for modern sovereign states of England, Scotland and Wales, with a free and equal union between them if so desired, that the British government must respect that the Irish people exercise sovereignty over the whole of their island, and it demands that Britain withdraw from the EU and NATO and stop its intervention abroad.

The documents compares the time to the death of James I in 1625, when it says the people made a historic decision which led



to Civil War, to the execution of Charles I and to big changes in the political system. The people in this country face now another historic decision, equally historic, and also on the basis of opposing the right of the government to levy taxes with the people having no say, of the people's right to have control over the decisions which affect their lives and for a modern system. It calls finally for serious thought to be given to a mass communist party uniting all democratic forces, progressive people and communists, a communist party based on modern definitions and the requirements of these times. It calls for work to organise class-conscious workers into the Party and for the Party to join with all those fighting for a modern constitution, for democratic renewal of the political processes, for a modern British state and for empowerment of the people, and to work for socialism in modern colours.

## General line adopted

"There Is A Way Out of the Crisis" was adopted as the general line of the Party at the Third Congress in March of 1999. It marked a new stage in the Party's work in this period of retreat of revolution, with a very clear agenda, acknowledging our joint work with our close fraternal Parties, while at the same time standing on our own feet. As is well known, in January 1995, after two consultative conferences, the Party's Draft Programme for the Working Class was put forward which codifies

the elements which are already there in "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis". Then in February 1996, the main task was put forward to strengthen and build the Party's paper, *Workers' Weekly*, and the slogan put forward to *Improve the Content, Extend the Readership*.

## Pro-social programme

At the time of the general election of 1997 when Tony Blair and New Labour were first brought to power, the slogan was put forward to *Stop Paying the Rich, Increase Investments in Social Programmes*. This slogan encapsulates a fighting pro-social programme for the working class, embodying its independent demands with the starting point that the rights of all people by virtue of being human must be given a guarantee. Our Party formulated it, but as was said at the time, it is for the working class to elaborate this programme as its own, and the Party's work is to organise to make this possible. In this respect, the work which the Party has embarked on to lay the foundations of a mass communist party is crucial.

While the government and the media claim that no one can really understand the present crisis, and that the working people should simply have faith to let the ruling elite do what they will, looking again at the Party's general line, "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis", and considering it in the light of current developments, it is

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## SEMINAR: THERE IS A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS

# Message of Greetings to the Seminar from the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)

Dear Comrades and Friends,

It is a great joy to be here with you on this important occasion. On my behalf and on behalf of the first secretary of our Party, Comrade Sandra L Smith and all our Party comrades, I bring you the greetings of CPC(ML) on the auspicious occasion of the 30th anniversary of our sister Party RCPB(ML) and the 15th anniversary of the launch of its general line for this period, "There is A Way Out of the Crisis". We are confident that this Seminar will be a great success. Given the severity of the crisis at this time and the dangerous prospects the situation engenders under the rule of the criminal and superfluous ruling class, these deliberations are much needed so as to lead the working class to find its way out of the crisis on the basis of the general line and specific programme of action delineated by RCPB(ML). We are particularly

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pleased to be with you today as our Party was also present at the two consultative conferences in June and November 1994 following the release of the draft document "There Is a Way Out of the Crisis".

Comrades, if John Major's claim was vicious fifteen years ago that there was no way out of the crisis except by subordinating the interests of the whole society and all individuals to those of business, this line is even more ferocious today from those who have implemented his and subsequent policies which have

wrought utter havoc on society and on the peoples of the world. And we know that if the situation is bad in Britain, in Canada, in the United States and other countries which form part of the imperialist heartlands, it is not nearly as bad as what such policies and activities are doing to the countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. But it is not a matter of comparing levels of poverty. It is not poverty which makes revolution; it is the contradictions inherent in the society, and how they are resolved. This is what can give rise to revolutionary crisis. The issue is how one deals with the retrogression which the ruling class is imposing because it is the downward pressure of retrogression which is causing very big pressure on the masses of the people, on the society as a whole and on the different sections of the people.

Today, more than ever, the way out of the crisis lies in putting the well-being of the people at home and abroad at the centre of all economic, political, social and cultural activities, as RCPB(ML) pointed out fifteen years ago. RCPB(ML) wrote at that time: "A change in the direction of government policy and in the motive of production, in accordance with the needs of the people, would be the starting point for the deep-going reforms which are necessary to get the society out of the present crisis."

In this regard, comrades, the issue which poses itself is how to be effective within the situation, how to effectively lift the pressure which weighs so heavily on the people and be seen to be doing so as well. The significance of the concrete programmes to be effective can be appreciated if we look at the vicious form the ideological offensive against the working class and the peoples of the world takes that there is no alternative to what the financial oligarchs and their governments are doing. In my opinion, our two parties have done very well to emphasise as the basis of all our work that There Is an Alternative! Speaking to this issue, Comrade Hardial

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Bains pointed out that the question of whether there is an alternative is both theoretical and practical. In terms of theory, he said, if we look at the whole march of human civilisation, then the question presents itself that the very fact that people are looking for an alternative shows that

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there is an alternative...If there is no alternative, then indeed, this is the end of history. The outlook that there is no alternative is self-serving, presented by the rich and powerful to justify their privileges while they condemn the entire world to the anarchy and violence of the capitalist system. Practically, it presents itself in a concrete way in daily life. Every measure which keeps the people in economic deprivation and insecurity is justified on the basis that there is no alternative. To accept such a state of affairs, Comrade Bains pointed out, is to deny one's humanity, the striving of the people for the creation of a society fit for human beings.

As we know, this issue is intimately linked to the working class movement because the trade union movement succumbs to the notion that there is no alternative or that the only alternative is within the capitalist system, the very system which is responsible for the existence of the problems in the first place. It is also linked to the attitude taken in the face of difficulties which exist. Under no



circumstances can the working class and people, or their Party, afford to get overwhelmed by the situation. By implementing the Party programme to be self-reliant and stand on our own two feet, the Party can make use of the opportunities which exist nationally and internationally to

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strengthen its already established positions and create new ones so as to open society's path to progress. This is why we work very hard to make sure the Party has the means at its disposal to be effective as an alternative to the positions of the political forces which oppose renewal. This

means the Party must have an uninterrupted artillery barrage on its side, in the form of its newspapers and institutions; it must assist the working class and its allies to be focused and make sure the working class has the consciousness and organisation it requires to avert the dangers which lie ahead by fighting for renewal. The workers have the power of numbers, historical development and justice on their side but beyond that spontaneous reality they require the kind of organisation which will enable them to consciously participate in politics, organise, discuss, write, disseminate and take up the fight in defence of the rights of all.

To achieve this, our 8th Congress held in Ottawa last August, amongst other things, resolved to strengthen the work to build Groups of Writers and Disseminators as the core of the independent politics of the working class and Renewal Committees which forge workers into an effective political force. Comrades, with these brief remarks, permit me to congratulate you for the successes you have achieved in the last fifteen years and the fifteen years before that and express our confidence that as the militant advanced

detachment of the working class in this country you will continue to forge ahead, holding high the banner of revolution and socialism on the basis of Contemporary Marxist-Leninist Thought and the principles of proletarian internationalism and the highest ideals of humankind. Permit me also to thank you from the bottom of our heart for all your support, especially since the loss of our beloved Comrade and Leader Comrade Hardial Bains. At the end of his life, discussing what is the Heart, Comrade Bains pointed out: The heart is the storehouse of all those who are there for you when you need them and your Party is truly part of our heart. We express our profound gratitude for all your support, including that of your delegation to our Party's historic 8th Congress held in Ottawa last August where together we deliberated on the crucial issues facing the working class and peoples of the world, as we are once again doing today.

**Long Live our Unity! Long Live our Friendship!**

**Congratulations on your glorious 30th anniversary! There Is a Way Out of the Crisis!**

**It Can be Done! It Must be Done!**



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clear that there is a force which has a clear path. RCPB(ML) and the working class of which it is the general staff can go forward with confidence in this path. "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis" confirms what is the way forward for the working class and people. To reaffirm this line and programme of the Party, and to deepen and broaden the discussion on their elaboration and implementation is the task of the moment.

In this respect, the seminar can be considered as the beginning of a fresh period of work, sticking to the Party's line of march, with fresh impetus, fresh appreciation of the line and programme, fresh determination to further build and strengthen RCPB(ML) and to bring to fruition the work of organising and making conscious the working class in this period.

The seminar recognised that the work ahead is step-wise work, of crucial importance in carrying forward the consolidation of the Party which has been ongoing, and which is necessary to prepare for the changing in the tide of the

revolutionary movement. It is a question of how to be effective within the situation, of the fight to apply the line, on the basis of which significant advances have been made, and which is the compass which has enabled the Party to keep its bearings.

There Is A Way Out of the Crisis!

### Note

RCPB(ML)'s documents "There Is A Way Out of the Crisis", *Draft Programme for the Working Class*, and "The Line of March to a New Society" are to be found at the following URLs:

[http://www.rcpbml.org.uk/articles/there\\_is\\_a\\_way\\_out\\_of\\_the\\_crisis.pdf](http://www.rcpbml.org.uk/articles/there_is_a_way_out_of_the_crisis.pdf)

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**opposition to globalisation and what he refers to as “de-globalisation”. He has suggested that measures need to be taken which will convince the world that the leaders of the biggest economies have the crisis under their control, otherwise he fears that “the legitimacy of globalisation will be lost and public support for it will erode, imperilling all our prosperities”.**

However, it is not possible for the crisis to be controlled nor overcome by the measures proposed by Brown or the leaders of the other big powers. The economic crisis is precisely an indictment of the whole imperialist system, of neo-liberalisation globalisation and the orientation of successive governments both at home and abroad. It is a consequence of the plundering of the world by the big monopolies and all the arrangements related to globalisation, of gearing the economy to suit their needs, rather than those of the majority, the wealth producers. It is fundamentally a consequence of the contradiction between the highly socialised economy and the outmoded property relations, a contradiction that can only be avoided by the working class empowering itself and establishing an economy that put the needs of the class and people in first place.

One aim of the summit is allegedly to prevent the world and particularly the big powers moving towards protectionism and war by more intervention in the economies and therefore the politics of other countries. But as long as the big monopolies dominate the world, contention between the big powers, which represent them, is inevitable. Even now, splits have appeared

between the big powers over how to re-order the world, with the EU countries, especially France and Germany, and Russia at odds with the Anglo-Americans. Since the last G20 summit in November widespread protectionist measures are already evident according to a recent World Bank report, especially in the car industry where some \$48 billion in aid to the big monopolies has already been made available by the governments of France, China, Britain, Canada, Germany, the US and other countries.

What is also evident is that at this time however the government is actually re-stating its defence of neo-liberal globalisation, even if this now includes more state intervention nationally and intervention by the big powers and their institutions on a global scale. Brown talks of the need for “sustainable and inclusive globalisation”, and that the present period is an opportunity to re-order the world in favour of the big monopolies once again, in other words to do nothing to resolve the contradiction which produces the worst crisis since the 1930s. Brown, Miliband et al have therefore placed more emphasis on the re-fashioning and development of global institutions and rules that, they claim, are required to make neo-liberalism work in the 21st century. This emphasis has become even more sharply defined as it has become clearer that neo-liberal globalisation has exacerbated existing contradictions both between and within countries, that the polarisation between rich and poor is growing both nationally and internationally, that the world remains extremely unstable as the big powers contend, as new powers emerge and as the resistance of the people increases to the dire effects of globalisation and the diktat of the big powers.



Brown claims that the very severe problems that neo-liberal globalisation has exacerbated require global solutions and all countries working in concert and harmony. This again will be the theme of the G20 Summit. He claims that modern interdependence means that no country can act alone and therefore that multilateralism is the order of the day; that all countries have to take common action not only in regard to the economy and financial matters but also in regard to climate change, conflict prevention and resolution and poverty reduction. In particular, Brown continues to stress the need for an adherence to representative democracy, while also pointing to the need for a new global financial system, low carbon economies and a new public-private-voluntary sector partnership that will allegedly address poverty reduction and other problems. All this to be overseen by new international institutions, in which the G20 may come to play the role of the G8 and where there is a need for a reformed IMF and World Bank, indeed a whole new Bretton Woods-style agreement.

Brown demands a new IMF to monitor all economies and tie them more firmly to the values and interests of the big powers. In this regard too the government speaks of the need to reform the global financial system and monitor its operation. Brown actually speaks of the IMF operating as a global independent central bank – perhaps like the

Bank of England – and the World Bank as a bank for the environment as well as development. What is key about the “new Bretton Woods” is that it must be under the hegemony of the Anglo-American alliance.

As in the past the Anglo-American alliance is to be the leading force, supported by the partnership between Europe and the US – which must lead, not apparently to impose rules of the new global order but to “lead and broaden” global efforts to establish the new machinery. Brown, who has presided over and championed everything that has produced the calamitous crisis, presents himself as an economic guru and the world’s saviour and envisages not less intervention but even more.

It might be argued that if there were a genuine concern to deal with the global economic crisis, if multilateralism was really the order of the day, then a world forum such as the General Assembly of the United Nations might be the appropriate place to start, rather than a meeting of the G20 countries, since the economic crisis impacts on all countries big and small. But it is clear that the big powers have decided who will be involved in the discussions and what form they will take on the basis of economic might rather than economic need.

There can be no illusions about the London summit of the G20 countries, nor the

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viction, in these circumstances, that organised as a class with their independent aim and programme, their sense of justice can and must prevail. The workers have the power of numbers, historical development and justice on their side. To lead the way out of the crisis, they require the kind of organisation which will enable them to consciously participate in politics, and to fight for their own independent programme which is diametrically opposed to the programme of the ruling financial elite.

The independent programme of the working class is for a self-reliant, independent, socialist society, developing trade and cultural relations with other countries based on mutual benefit. For society to advance and the problems of the economy be solved, what is required is the socialisation of the means of production and the elimination of the exploitative relations of production, forcing all the elements making up the economy to serve the development of the domestic economy. To realise this, the working class must take the lead in organising to oppose the monopoly capitalist parasites and the politicians who do their every bidding, up to and including shovelling obscene amounts of pro-

duced wealth to prop them up. State power must lie in the hands of the working class, and the people must be the decision-makers!

As a starting point, what is required is a change in the direction of the economy and in the motive of production, putting the needs of the people at the centre. The rule of the rich and powerful elite is criminal and superfluous, and poses yet more dangers for the people which the G20 summit will only exacerbate. The working class can have no illusions that a cure will come from the gods of plague, and they should reject any thought that the summit "cannot be allowed to fail". The issue is how the workers can advance their independent programme.

This programme calls for more to be put into the economy than is taken out, an end to the wrecking of the manufacturing base, an end to the vicious colonial and neo-colonial relations of exploitation with other countries and nations, a ban on the export of capital, trade on the basis of mutual benefit for the peoples, banking to be put under public control on a not-for-profit, no-interest basis, an end to the bail-outs of the rich, a reversal in the hiking up of national debt to pay the rich and no servicing of this debt to the financial institutions, investments in social programmes which put the claims of

overcome by resolving the contradiction that caused them, by the working class in Britain and all countries empowering itself and establishing an economy that puts the needs of the class and people in first place.

## Demonstrations marking the 6th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.



**Clockwise from top left: Washington, DC, March 19, 2009: Members of Iraq Veterans Against the War maintain tower-guard vigils across from the White House as part of "OPERATION NOT CHANGE," The towers will be manned 24 hours a day until March 21; Anti-Bush protesters in Calgary; Tokyo, March 20; San Francisco, March 19; also San Francisco; New York City, March 19.**



the people at the centre, an end to spending on military intervention abroad and the militarisation of the economy, and a guarantee of the right to a livelihood for all.

Mechanisms must be put in place to facilitate the discussion and elaboration of this programme, and to enable the workers to consciously participate in politics, to organise in defence of their interests, to take responsibility for the fate of society, and to fight for the rights of all. The workers must consciously set out to build a workers' opposition that will say enough is enough to the rich and powerful, with their class privilege and their political representatives, and fight for the democratic renewal of the political

processes and institutions, that will say to the monopoly capitalists, do our bidding or exit from the scene of history forthwith.

There must be an end to the rapacious plundering of the world by the big monopolies, and the squandering by the rich and powerful of the wealth that working people produce. It is the public good which must be put at the centre of all considerations, the social economy, and defence of the rights of all. The working class must go for a different world in their own image, and go for it now.

***There Is An Alternative!  
There Is A Way Out of the Crisis!  
Stop Paying the Rich!  
Increase Investments in Social Programmes!***

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possibility of creating "sustainable and inclusive globalisation" that can provide for the needs of all. The economic and other crises that exists in the world can only be

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