TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF KSEKINIMA

Dear Friends,

We have received your letter on the brotherhood of the peoples of Greece and Turkey. The struggle you have been waging against chauvinism in Greece is a part of the great and hopeful developments towards the consolidation of friendship between Turkey and Greece, towards the peaceful solution of the Aegean and Cyprus questions, and towards the strengthening of the friendship and brotherhood of our two nations.

Our Party is struggling for peace in the world and in our region. We want the removal of tension between Turkey and Greece by peaceful means and work for the achievement of a just and peaceful solution to the Cyprus question. For the realisation of this aim, we demand, as the first step, the removal of the attempt at the sovereignty and the territorial unity of the Cyprus Republic. Our Party is resolutely against an official or de facto partitioning of Cyprus, as this will undoubtedly serve the interests of imperialism. We demand at the same time, that a non-aggression pact be signed between Greece and Turkey, and that the armaments race that is being viciously fostered by imperialist monopolies be brought to an immediate end.

Socialist Workers Party of Turkey believes that exchange of views, on the national as well as international level, between peaceloving and progressive forces, for the realisation of peaceful and just aims will be very helpful. But with regard to your suggestion we wish to remind that:

First, before such a regional conference of socialist and progressive organisations is convened, the possibilities for the participation in this conference of all the progressive and peaceloving parties of Turkey, Greece and Cyprus, and, above all, of the socialist organisations that are true to internationalism should be explored. The regional peace conference you suggest should meet on a broad basis and be fully representative. We believe that only in this
way such a conference between the peace-loving and progressive political forces of the three countries can be of any use.

And, secondly, because of legal restrictions and various anti-democratic practices in Turkey, socialist parties especially are confronted with many difficulties. Our Party is daily struggling, as a part of its programme, against all these difficulties put on its way. Nevertheless, we would like to say that if an all-embracing peace conference can be arranged with the participation of all the progressive and peace-loving political organisations of all the three countries, our Party will employ all the democratic possibilities at its disposal in order to take part in it.

We shall forward to you, in English texts, our Party's general principles and the necessary concise information about our Aegean and Cyprus policies.

We wish you success in your progressive and peaceloving activities.

With friendly greetings,

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