

World Perspectives Amendments

Amendment 1

Amend paragraph 10 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

Similarly, in the case of Ukraine, he was responsible for deliberately provoking a conflict that has led to a bloody slaughter, handing over billions of dollars in cash and military aid to the reactionary regime in Kyiv, and engaging in a dangerous policy of provocation against Russia ~~that brought the USA to the brink of World War Three.~~

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 2

Amend paragraph 16 (Spanish National Conference):

The root cause of this anti-establishment anger can be found in the crisis of capitalism. It has reached massive proportions since the crisis of 2008, from which the system has not yet fully recovered. **We are not going through just another cyclical crisis of capitalism, but an organic crisis of capitalism.** Support for bourgeois democracy in the advanced capitalist countries was built for decades on the idea that capitalism was able to satisfy some of the basic needs of the working class (healthcare, education, pensions...) and the expectation that each generation's living standards would improve, however slightly, in comparison with those of the previous generation.

IEC recommendation: Accept

Amendment 3

Amend paragraph 32 (Mexican General Assembly):

No major steps were taken to limit the right to strike and demonstrate, still less to abolish free trade unions. **This is not to dismiss violent intervention in protests like BLM or No Kings, however, such violence is still more akin to that of a bourgeois government than the military extermination characteristic of a fascist regime.** Elections were held as usual, and finally, although amidst a ~~general uproar~~ **mutiny**, Trump was succeeded by Joe Biden in an election. Say what you like about the first Trump government, but it bore no relation whatsoever to any kind of fascism **in terms of its characteristic of imposing a bureaucracy.**

IEC recommendation: Reject

Amendment 4

Delete and replace paragraphs 35-38 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

~~35. Others have raised the idea that Trump represents a Bonapartist regime. The idea here, again, is to portray Trump as a dictator set on a path to crush the working class. But this form of labelling does not explain anything. In reality, far from attempting to crush the working class, Trump is appealing to it demagogically and trying to appease it. Of course, being a bourgeois politician he represents interests that are fundamentally opposed to those of the workers. But that does not make him a dictator.~~

~~36. It is possible to point to this or that element in the present situation that can be said to be an element of Bonapartism. That may be so. But similar comments could be made of almost any recent bourgeois democratic regime.~~

~~37. Merely to contain certain elements of a phenomenon does not yet signify the actual~~

~~emergence of that phenomenon as such. One could, of course, say there are elements of Bonapartism present in Trumpism. But that is not at all the same as saying a Bonapartist regime actually exists in the United States.~~

~~38. The problem is that 'Bonapartism' is a very elastic term. It covers a wide gamut of things, starting with the classical concept of Bonapartism, which is basically rule by the sword. It is not useful to analyse the present Trump government in Washington in this fashion, which, despite its many peculiarities, still remains a bourgeois democracy. Our task is not to assign labels to things, but to follow the process as it unfolds and understand its essential aspects.~~

Trump has been deepening the Bonapartist character features of the US presidential regime by ignoring even American laws, persecuting immigrants even with federal troops and marines, attacking students, teachers, and pro-Palestinian activists against the genocide promoted by Israel, attacking even the existing reactionary judicial system, and solemnly disregarding the American National Congress itself.

The deepening of Bonapartist traits is a hallmark of the current stage of capitalist development, which is increasingly unable to coexist with the democratic freedoms won by the proletariat in its struggles of the 19th and 20th centuries. The true essence of the bourgeois state is increasingly revealed to broad sectors of the working class: it is a gang of armed men with a prison system to defend capitalist property.

In the United States, the Bonapartist features of the presidential regime are deepening, seeking to grant the president a balance above social classes and increasingly seeking independence from so-called democratic institutions. However, this pattern, present since the founding of the American Republic, has deepened with each passing decade. The so-called "separation of powers" becomes increasingly inadequate for the interests of capital.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 5

Amend paragraphs 41 and 42 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

~~At the end of the Second World War, the US emerged enormously strengthened. With Europe and Japan ruined by the war, America accounted for 50 percent of world GDP and for 60 percent of world manufacturing output. Its only serious rival on the world arena was the Soviet Union, which had emerged strengthened from the war, having defeated Nazi Germany and advanced across the continent.~~

~~The Chinese revolution further strengthened the Stalinist bloc. The US worked to rebuild Western Europe and Japan in an effort to contain the 'advance of Communism'. The Soviet bureaucracy was not interested in world revolution and was quite prepared to reach a modus vivendi with Washington, expressed in the policy of 'peaceful coexistence'.~~

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 6

Amend paragraph 50 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The world situation is dominated by enormous instability in world relations. This is the result of the struggle for world hegemony of the crisis of capitalism that leads to the deepening of conflicts and confrontations between the different bourgeoisies, such as between the US, the world's most powerful imperialist power, which is in relative decline,

and China, a younger, more dynamic rising imperialist power. We are witnessing a tremendous shift, comparable in scale to the movement of the tectonic plates on the Earth's crust. Such movements are accompanied by explosions of all sorts. The war in Ukraine – where a humiliating defeat for US-NATO is being prepared – and the conflict in the Middle East, are expressions of this fact.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 7

Delete paragraph 55 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

~~Trump's foreign policy is based on the recognition of the limitations of US power. The consequence of that is an attempt to disentangle America from a series of costly conflicts (Ukraine, Middle East) through deals, in order to rebuild its power and to concentrate on its main rival on the world arena, China.~~

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 8

Amend paragraph 69 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

While Russia is not an economic colossus comparable with China, it has established a solid economic and technological base. This has enabled it to successfully withstand the unprecedented economic aggression the West has inflicted on it under the banner of 'sanctions'. Moreover, it has done this while carrying on a war that has defeated all the weapons systems hurled against it by western imperialism. ~~It has built a powerful army that is a match for the combined forces of the European states; it has built a formidable defence industry that is outproducing both the United States and Europe in tanks, artillery, ammunition, missiles and drones;~~ and it possesses the world's largest nuclear arsenal, which it inherited from the USSR

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 9

Amend paragraph 75 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The Russian invasion of Ukraine was the logical conclusion of the West's refusal to accept Russia's national security concerns, expressed in the demand of neutrality for Ukraine and a halt to the eastward expansion of NATO. ~~When Donald Trump asserts that this war was unnecessary, and that if he had been president it would have never taken place, this is probably true.~~ US imperialism and its European allies were well aware that NATO membership of Ukraine was a red line from the point of view of the national security interests of Russia. Despite this, they decided to invite the Ukrainians to apply for NATO membership in 2008. This was a blatant provocation, which logically would lead to the most serious consequences. It was this fatal step that eventually led to war.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 10

Amend paragraphs 77-79 and renumber (Austrian Expanded Central Committee):

Biden thought he could use Ukraine as cannon fodder in a campaign to weaken Russia and cripple its role in the world. A country like Russia, a rival to US imperialism, could not be allowed to threaten US global hegemony. **But US interference in Ukraine has another target, although less apparent, namely Germany and the EU. Breaking the link between the EU and Russia means weakening the base of German capitalism. That explains why**

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In March 2022, Biden, puffed up by his own arrogance, even raised the idea of regime change in Moscow! Together with the Europeans, he was convinced that economic sanctions and military exhaustion would bring Russia to the point of collapse. They seriously underestimated the extent of Russia’s economic and military power. As a result, US imperialism has found itself embroiled in an unwinnable war, which has represented a colossal drain on its financial and military resources.

Trump now insists that this disaster was not his doing. He says: “This is not my war. It is Joe Biden’s war.” And that is correct. The strategists of capital are quite capable of making mistakes based on miscalculations. And this is a case in point. When Trump says that the war in Ukraine does not represent America’s “core interests,” he is absolutely correct. America faces a far greater threat in Asia and the Pacific in the rising power of China, in addition to other problems in the Middle East and a growing economic crisis. That explains his haste in trying to extricate US imperialism from the treacherous swamp of Ukraine. But the problems created by Biden and his European stooges are proving difficult to resolve.

The men and women who run the show in Washington and London, ~~Paris and Berlin~~ systematically sabotaged every attempt to bring about a peaceful solution **already before the war started**. In April 2022, negotiations in Turkey between Ukraine and Russia were quite advanced and could have led to an end of the war, on the basis of accepting a number of Russian demands. ~~Western imperialism,~~ **US imperialism, supported by its British lapdog** in the person of Boris Johnson, scuppered the talks, pressuring Zelensky not to sign on the promise of unlimited support which would lead to Ukraine’s full victory. **Today it is the Europeans, led by Germany, France and again the UK, who are putting pressure on Trump to continue the support of Ukraine and are themselves fanning the flames of war. The calculation for them is as simple as it is cynical: with the blood of tens of thousands of Ukrainian and Russian lives they want to buy time – first and foremost for their own rearmament to kick in.**

IEC recommendation: Reject in favour of amendment 11

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IEC recommendation: Accept

Amendment 12

Add after paragraph 79 and renumber (British Central Committee):

At the beginning of the war, the Biden administration believed that it was capable of turning Russia into a pariah on the world stage and Putin into a persona non grata. The war has instead deepened the existing tensions in world relations, and in turn exposed the lie of an all-powerful 'international community' rallied behind US imperialism.

Beyond the EU, Japan, Britain, and Canada, the US has struggled to cajole the vast majority of the world's ruling classes behind its proxy war with Russia. This has been a striking confirmation that the US is unable to exert its political influence as it did thirty years ago. As Larry Summers, former treasury secretary of the US, warned of the further isolation of the west: "There's a growing acceptance of fragmentation, and – maybe even more troubling – I think there's a growing sense that ours may not be the best fragment to be associated with."

IEC recommendation: Accept

Amendment 13

Amend paragraph 80 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil])

and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

Today, the US faces a ~~humiliating defeat~~ **an impasse** in Ukraine. Sanctions have not had the desired effect. Rather than suffering economic collapse, Russia has enjoyed steady economic growth rates far exceeding those of the West. Far from becoming isolated, it has now established closer economic ties with China and a number of key countries which are meant to be in the US sphere of influence. Countries like India, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and others, have helped it to circumvent sanctions.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 14

Amend paragraph 92 (Spanish National Conference):

In terms of the export of capital, China is second only to the US. In 2023, the US accounted for 32.8 percent of global Foreign Direct Investment outflows, with China and Hong Kong representing a combined 20.1 percent. In terms of accumulated FDI stock, the US had 15.1 percent of the global total, while China and Hong Kong accounted for 11.3 percent. **Despite American dominance in this area, the long-term strategic plan for these capital exports has enabled China, over the last two decades, to carry out a significant process of control over maritime trade routes and the production and refining of minerals that are critical to the vast majority of modern technologies. China dominates global rare earth extraction (69%) and refining (92%). It also dominates the refining of critical minerals such as cobalt (80%), nickel (68%) and lithium (60%). In addition, China is advancing in its control of the extraction of major reserves, such as in the Congo (where it controls 15 of the country's 19 best cobalt mines) and Argentina (43% of its lithium exports went to China, compared to 11% to the US). This has been essential not only to dominate the production of the important technological sectors mentioned above, but also to establish certain controls on the export of these minerals to the US, which is an important bargaining chip in the negotiations with Trump on tariffs.**

IEC recommendation: Accept

Amendment 15

Add after paragraph 107 and renumber (British Central Committee):

These are stimulus packages, not economic planning, and so alongside the issuance of mountains of debt, they amount to a series of market subsidies, incentives and regulations from the state. The implementation of these policies has led to colossal overproduction and misallocation of capital, as investors pile into favoured industries like EVs. According to the Economist (5.6.25), "By the end of last year's third quarter, nearly 25% of China's listed firms were in the red, more than double the proportion five years ago." It is thought that only about three out of 112 EV manufacturers are making a profit (FT, 27.5.25).

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 16

Amend paragraph 112 (Mexican General Assembly):

It is, in fact, an economy that still maintains very considerable elements of state control, intervention and planning. This works very much in its favour, when compared to countries like the United States. **However, it is essential to emphasize that this state control in no way implies the existence of elements of transition to socialism. These mechanisms are at the service of national capital and its imperialist expansion, and have no relation to a socialist planned economy or to workers' power. The claim of a supposedly progressive nature of this state control—as some Stalinist or Maoist sectors maintain—is completely alien to the revolutionary perspective.**

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 17

Amend paragraph 139 (Italian National Council):

While the US has suffered a relative decline in its strength and influence globally, the old European imperialist powers – Britain, France, Germany and the others – have declined much further since their former days of glory, to second-rate world powers. It is worth noting that ~~Europe, as an imperialist bloc,~~ **the imperialist role of European countries** has been particularly weakened in the last decade. A series of military coups, for instance, have displaced France from Central Africa and the Sahel, largely to the benefit of Russia.

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 18

Amend paragraphs 154 and 155 and renumber (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The current conflict in the Middle East can only be understood against the background of the world situation. US imperialism had been weakened in the Middle East, while Russia, China and also Iran had become strengthened. Israel felt threatened. The 7 October attack ~~was a serious blow to the Israeli ruling class. It destroyed the myth of invincibility and questioned the ability of the Zionist state to protect its Jewish citizens, the key question which the Israeli ruling class had used to gather the population behind it.~~

~~It also~~ clearly exposed the collapse of the Oslo Accords, signed in the aftermath of the collapse of Stalinism. The whole thing was a cynical fraud from start to finish. The Zionist ruling class never really entertained any idea of conceding the Palestinians a viable homeland. They regarded the Palestinian National Authority (PA) as simply a way of outsourcing the policing of the Palestinians. This discredited Fatah and the PA – seen quite correctly as mere puppets of Israel – has led, with the acquiescence of Israel, to the rise of Hamas, which was seen by many as the only force pursuing the struggle for Palestinian national rights.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 19

Amend paragraph 158 and renumber (British Central Committee):

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One year later, the Israelis had reduced Gaza to a pile of smoking rubble, but they had not achieved their stated aims: the release of the hostages and the destruction of Hamas. **These two war aims were in direct contradiction with one another. The former requires a negotiated settlement with Hamas, whilst the latter precludes such negotiations from taking place. There was widespread anger that the Israeli government was solely concerned by destroying its enemy.** This led to mass demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of Israelis and even a brief general strike in September 2024.

IEC recommendation: Reject in favour of amendment 20

Amendment 20

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IEC recommendation: Accept

Amendment 21

Add after paragraph 161 and renumber (Spanish National Conference):

Although Netanyahu's main motivation for extending the conflict to Iran was his political salvation due to his problems at home, it seems clear that the limited 12-day war between Israel and Iran last June did have broader support among the Israeli ruling class. The strengthening of the Iranian regime in the region over the previous 20 years was seen by the Zionist bourgeoisie as a threat to Israel. But Iran had been left in a more fragile position in the area with the elimination of the Syrian Al-Assad regime and with Hezbollah and Hamas seriously weakened. Thus, a mini-war that could destroy Iran's nuclear programme, or even bring about the overthrow of the regime, was a cause worth supporting. In the end, Israel failed to achieve this, and the repetition of a new military confrontation between the two is only a matter of time.

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 22

Amend paragraph 167 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The only true friends of the Palestinians are to be found in the ~~Arab street~~ – the oppressed masses of workers, peasants, small traders and the urban and rural poor. But their immediate task is to settle accounts with their own reactionary rulers. This poses the question of the abolition of capitalism through the expropriation of the landlords, bankers and capitalists.

Without this, the revolution in North Africa and the Middle East can never succeed.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 23

Amend paragraph 167 (Mexican General Assembly):

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capitalism through the expropriation of the landlords, bankers and capitalists. Without ~~this~~ **the unity of the proletariat beyond national and religious divisions**, the revolution in North Africa and the Middle East can never succeed.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 24

Amend paragraph 194 (Italian National Council):

Russia has a lot of clout (militarily and in terms of energy resources) and is already exercising a powerful pull on Europe's political scene. Countries like Hungary and Slovakia have already broken ranks with the Atlanticist orientation of the dominant European powers. In others, there are ~~rising~~ **some** political forces moving in a similar direction to one degree or another (Germany, Austria, Romania, Czech Republic, Italy).

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 25

Amend paragraph 233 (Mexican General Assembly):

Faced with factory closures, we should advance the slogan of occupation. Instead of yet more state bail-outs of private companies, we demand the opening of the books, **expropriation** and nationalisation under workers' control.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 26

Add after paragraph 238 and renumber (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The development of the crisis of capital will deepen further in this situation towards the disintegration of the world market, which will mean greater polarization between classes, wars and revolutions, but also necessarily political differentiations within all social classes, which will lead to increasingly acute conflicts at the top of society and at the same time to reorganizations within the working class, which, in order to struggle, will increasingly be forced to confront opportunist politics and the official leaders of the organizations that the class still recognizes as its own.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 27

Amend paragraph 239 (Spanish National Conference):

Rather than the normal mechanism of bourgeois democracy, which serves to soften the class contradictions, the idea of direct action to achieve one's aims is becoming increasingly accepted. An article in Le Monde warned Macron in France that by preventing the party with most elected parliamentarians from forming a government, he risked the people drawing the conclusion that elections were of no use. In the US, one in four believe that political violence may be justified to "save" the country, up from 15 percent a year earlier. **In this regard, it is important to highlight the increase in terrorist tendencies in the United States. In the space of a few months, we saw the murder of the CEO of United Healthcare by Luigi Mangione, as a way of denouncing the abuse of large private healthcare companies, the murder of two employees of the Israeli embassy in Washington by a pro-Palestinian activist, and the murder of a Democratic congresswoman and her husband in Minnesota, as well as another attack on the same day against a Democratic senator, also in Minnesota. The latter were committed by right-wing fanatics. This recurring phenomenon of political terrorism in the US expresses the deep unrest and enormous contradictions that are shaking American**

society.

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 28

Add after paragraph 242 and renumber (Austrian Expanded Central Committee):

The ruling class can reliably lean on the reformists in the labour movement. The trade-union leaders prop up the competitiveness of their local capitalists, for example by accepting a decrease in real wages during the past crisis of inflation. The reformists uphold the classical policy of class-collaboration and rally behind their own ruling class. Externally they support wars and rearmament, internally they reinforce the state apparatuses and anti-democratic measures. The task of the reformists is to divert the anger of the working class and youth into safe channels and to keep them in passivity whenever possible. The economic and political struggles of the labour movement and the youth are thereby being hindered, isolated and disorganised from the start. The political programme of the reformists can today be summed up with the slogan: “for the lesser evil!”. The crisis of capitalism is too deep for them to even remotely be able to put forward an independent programme. They use the traditional working-class organisations and their historically established roots in the working class and the state apparatus to strengthen the position of one wing of the ruling class (usually the liberal wing). This assessment applies to the Social Democratic parties as well as to the wide range of socially relevant parties and alliances that come from the Stalinist tradition.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 29

Add after paragraph 247 and renumber (Spanish National Conference):

The political programme of right-wing demagogues in Europe and Latin America, if they have one at all, exudes a petty-bourgeois character: national isolationism and exclusivism, the appeal to individualism, their disinterest in class oppression, a tendency towards mystical and irrational ideas, etc., which can only find an echo in an atmosphere of frustration and relative demobilisation of the working class. The petty bourgeoisie never has an independent class position; it either follows the proletariat or follows the big bourgeoisie. Thus, in foreign policy, these reactionary petty-bourgeois demagogues, when they have had to express themselves, have done so by siding with one imperialism or another: Meloni, Abascal, Farage, Milei and Bolsonaro presenting themselves as spokesmen for US imperialism, and Alternative for Germany, and even Le Pen, leaning towards Russian imperialism. There are also those who lick the boots of Trump and Putin at the same time, as in the case of Orbán in Hungary. When the fresh wind of class struggle blows again with full force, all these movements will enter into crisis.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 30

Amend paragraph 258 (Yugoslav Executive Committee):

In Serbia, the protest movement over the collapse of Novi Sad station canopy has created a revolutionary crisis, with the largest protest demonstration in the country’s history. The students have played a decisive role, occupying the universities, and organising through student plenums (assemblies). The protests have already brought down the government. The students—and are consciously trying to spread the movement to the working class and the people at large with the formation of *zborovi*, mass assemblies in towns and cities as well as in some workplaces. The movement has lasted over 9 months, with all attempts by the Vucic regime to stop the movement backfiring and giving it additional fuel to continue.

IEC recommendation: Accept.

Amendment 31

Amend paragraph 261 (Caio Dezorzi [IEC member and elected World Congress delegate for Brazil] and Johannes Halter [elected World Congress delegate for Brazil]):

The climate crisis has also become a radicalising factor for this generation of young people who feel very strongly, and quite rightly, that unless things change radically, ~~life on Earth is threatened~~ **the destruction of the environment can bring increasingly serious problems to the development of life as we know it** and that the system is to blame.

IEC recommendation: Reject.

Amendment 32

Add after paragraph 262 and renumber (Austrian Expanded Central Committee):

There is no vacuum of ideas in any of these movements. Ideas that are alien to the working class, and organisations that promote them, dominate the political direction: petty bourgeois, feminist, identity politics and reformist ideas mixed up with various remnants of the failed notion of “socialism in one country”. In the Serbian mass movement, even liberal ideas that seek to limit the movement to reforms of the state are competing against the idea that the bodies of the masses should establish a new statehood. Given the objective significance of the Palestinian question in the politicisation of youth, it is crucial to criticise the dominant ideas within this movement, which are completely unsuitable for achieving the liberation of Palestine. With the communist turn, the RCI is also entering into open competition with the forces of historical Stalinism, mostly its left-wing variants. With its openly revolutionary stance and in its struggle against these different currents and ideas, the RCI will be able to win over the best youth and workers.

IEC recommendation: Reject in favour of amendment 33

Amendment 33

Add after paragraph 262, amend paragraph 263 and renumber (IS):

In all these movements we encounter a wide array of ideas, including feminism, reformism, Stalinism or nationalism. It is our task to raise a class position, standing out clearly in a sea of petty bourgeois confusion. But this is always a concrete question, starting from the ideas we encounter, as well as the tasks and questions raised by the movement itself. Depending on circumstances, we would usually start in a friendly way, starting with the things we agree on, then pointing out how the proposed solutions are inadequate, linking to the broader tasks of the struggle for socialism. As Lenin put it in April 1917: “to present a patient, systematic, and persistent explanation of the errors of their tactics, an explanation especially adapted to the practical needs of the masses.”

At the same time, it is clear that a growing section of the youth identifies with communist ideas as the most radical alternative against the capitalist system **and can be reached directly with our full programme.** This is not a majority, not even amongst the youth, but certainly this is a significant development.

IEC recommendation: Accept