## Eternal Glory to Chairman Mao Zedong!

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## ETERNAL GLORY TO CHAIRMAN MAO ZEDONG! GREAT TEACHER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT, OP-PRESSED PEOPLES AND OF THE WORLD REVOLUTION! From Bandera Roja no. 47/48.

To the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

With deep sorrow and profound sentiment, we express to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and through them to the glorious Party, the working class, and the people of China, our great regret for this immense and irreparable loss caused by the passing of Chairman Mao Zedong, the founder and guiding light of the CCP, the wise and unwavering leader of the Chinese revolution, and the great teacher of the international proletariat, the oppressed peoples, and the world revolution.

The working class and the international communist movement, in their magnificent history of struggle, have experienced moments of immense loss and profound pain upon the disappearance of their great creators, teachers, and leaders. Just as with Marx and Engels, Lenin and Stalin, whose departures necessarily reverberated throughout history, today we also face one of these serious and painful transitions. Like yesterday, we must raise the invincible banners of Marxism even higher so that the program of the working class, initiated by Marx, Lenin, and Mao, can unfold more effectively, aiming at its ultimate goal: the emancipation of the working class and the final construction of a classless society, the goal of all humanity.

In the great whirlwind of the class struggle of the Chinese revolution, Chairman Mao Zedong, guided by the indispensable leadership of the proletariat, established the path of encircling the cities from the countryside, building support bases, and waging a heroic people's war. Thus, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, through a protracted war with setbacks and victories, forging a united front based on the worker-peasant alliance, waging armed struggle that generated a great people's army, and constantly striving for Party building, in 1949 the Chinese working class and people culminated the New Democratic Revolution. The general laws of revolution laid down by Chairman Mao Zedong were enshrined as the path that we must follow, as we still fight against the domination of imperialism and feudalism.

But the extraordinary work of Chairman Mao Zedong projects and magnifies itself in the leadership of the socialist revolution in the People's Republic of China, which he himself created. He established the fundamental line of socialism based on the principle of class struggle, stating that classes and class struggle persist within it. By synthesizing global experiences, he developed the Marxist theory of the continuation of revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, driving the most colossal mass mobilization in history, the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, as a continuation of the revolution that prevents capitalist restoration and serves the development and construction of socialism. Thus, Chairman Mao has paved the way towards the communist future, calling on the masses to fight under the grand slogan of "rebellion is justified" and "the philosophy of the proletariat is the philosophy of struggle," to sweep away the monsters that periodically emerge and the bourgeois followers of the capitalist path within the Party itself. All of this is aimed at strengthening the dictatorship of the proletariat, an indispensable instrument for achieving the historical goal of the working class.

Chairman Mao Zedong, over the course of more than 60 years battling in the crucible of the Chinese revolution and the international proletariat, adhered to Marxism and fused it with the reality of his homeland, developing Marxist philosophy, political economy, and scientific socialism. These bear the indelible imprint of his contributions. His defense of Marxism led him to combat Khrushchev's revisionism, which he relentlessly unmasked before the world as a denial of Marxism, a bourgeois offspring that must be swept away for the revolution to advance. Through great controversy and worldwide struggle, he firmly led and directed the campaign against social imperialism, whose leadership is the revisionist clique headed by Brezhnev and, ultimately, the current source of war. Thus, Chairman Mao Zedong inherited, defended, and developed Marxism-Leninism, elevating it to its current status as the living soul of the working class and the hope of humanity: Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought. Therefore, today, to be a Marxist-Leninist is to adhere to Mao Zedong Thought.

Chairman Mao Zedong founded the Communist Party of China and wisely guided it through more than fifty years of struggle: from its historic beginnings as the vanguard of the Chinese working class, through the storms of the Northern Expedition, the epic of the Agrarian War and the Long March, the tireless and heroic Anti-Japanese War of Resistance, the overwhelming and victorious War of National Liberation, the construction of socialism, and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Chairman Mao Zedong led his Party by forging it in the struggle of two lines within its own ranks, against right and left deviations that sought to divert it; and in recent years, especially against the revisionism that raised its counter-revolutionary head with Liu Shaoqi, Lin Biao, and today with Deng Xiaoping and his rightist wind. In the great class struggle of the Chinese revolution and the contemporary world, and in the struggle of the two lines within its own ranks, Chairman Mao Zedong has led the Communist Party of China to make it the "great, glorious, and correct" Party admired and respected by the working class and the world. In this crucible, the greatest revolutionary of China has been forged, the masterful continuator of the great teachers of the international working class, the glorious communist militant who developed Marxism and Leninism, the extraordinary man whose life pulsed until the end with the imperishable light of Marxism, with the creative omnipotent force of the masses and the spirit of serving the people.

As Chairman Mao himself has said, the next fifty to one hundred years will shake the world and change it. Therefore, we are living in a decisive era for the working class, the people, and all of humanity. The great revolutionary storm will ignite the face of the Earth, and many new problems will need to be solved. Alongside victories, there will be setbacks and failures. Revolution is the main current of history, but it will have to overcome obstacles and counter-currents. We are confident that the revolution will inevitably prevail. "In a word, the prospects are bright, but the road is winding."

The founder of our Party, José Carlos Mariátegui, taught us: "It is not possible to remain indifferent to the fate of a nation that occupies such a prominent place in time and space. China weighs too heavily in human history for us not to be attracted to its facts and its people." If this was said about Old China, what can we say today about New China? Thus, for our Party, for the Peruvian communists and the people, the historical perspective demands now more than ever, in this great painful moment for the working class and world revolution, to adhere more to Marxism, to be terrified by the philosophy of struggle, to turn pain into strength, and to close ranks around the red line of the Communist Party of China, which holds high the undefeated banner of Chairman Mao Zedong. We must advance together with parties faithful to Marxism, with the working class and the peoples of the world, promising solemnly to always march under the red and victorious banners of Marx, Lenin, and Mao Zedong.

Chairman Mao Zedong has died!, but his thought and actions live on in the working class, in the oppressed peoples, and in the masses of the world. Wherever the revolution continues to fight eternally, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought will live.

Eternal glory to Chairman Mao Zedong! Great teacher of the international proletariat, oppressed peoples and of the world revolution!