

Together for a world based on equality and solidarity

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Dear comrades,

we are proud to be part, just like you, of the World Anti-imperialist Youth Union. We are the hope for a future of peace, justice and equality for all women and men in every part of the world.

Thank you for listening to the ideas, through my voice, and to some of the actions of the Independent School and Environment Union, SISA Italy, the only organization capable of uniting students and teachers together, for a school and a university really participated, where knowledge is not merely transmitted, but built through a combination of both teachers' and learners' intelligences, and through student protagonism.

We are proud to be here at this important meeting to share practices of struggle as well as methods of analysis. We act with determination in our country, although Italy has been, during the last years, the object of political choices marked by liberalism and deregulation, aimed at commodifying knowledge, in order to reduce it to a mere budget item. On the contrary, we firmly believe that the centrality of knowledge is the only alternative to the commodification of every human, social, economic and political relationship.

The construction of knowledge must be free, but it must also respond to fundamental values such as solidarity and anti-fascism, because the Italian Democratic Republic was born in 1945 from the partisan struggle.

We have made the principle of solidarity a radical choice of action: not only are we officially bilingual, considering the Slovenian community that populates the eastern part of our country, but we've also been acting for years against the discrimination suffered in particular by the young people of Africa, Asia and Latin America once they arrive in Italy. These peoples nowadays are still plundered by US-based capitalism and imperialism, and the struggle against this, as well as against neocolonialism that impoverishes and starves, must see us united and operative.

A free and independent Palestine is a reality that must be built, not a dream: a Euro-Mediterranean area that respects the beliefs and cultures of each and everyone is certainly one of our priorities.

Our name includes the word "environment" because, even though we refuse certain functional extremisms of imperialism, which often uses ecology, as well as human rights, as a cudgel against emerging nations, we believe that taking on precise responsibilities with respect to climate change is an urgency for the young people all over the world.

It is crucial for us to reaffirm international solidarity: SISA operates and acts for a multipolar, supportive world, capable of building equality, against barbarism, cruelty and robberies promoted on all continents by the Western capitalist-consumerist system.

We know well that China, Russia, Iran and Venezuela contribute decisively towards the construction of a multipolar world. We have always stood up against the ethnic separatism used by imperialism as a picklock to break up anti-imperialist nations.

This path is clearly wide and demanding, but, as our general secretary Davide Rossi (who renews his greeting to all of you, after having participated in the opening of these days) repeats: "only he who throws seeds in the wind, will make the sky bloom".

Dear Comrades, we live in complex and difficult times, but the non-reversible decline of the Western system is underway; a new world must be built and we are part of this new world as protagonists.

So let's proceed with enthusiasm and conviction, with the certainty that the action of each one of us is and will be every day a fundamental step of the future that we have decided to build together!

Thank you so much