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## *Statement of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran*

66 years of struggle of the party of working people, party of militant women, youth and students, party of repressed ethnic groups, and party of patriots and freedom-loving people for freedom from tyranny and reaction and establishment of freedom, independence and social justice.

### **Dear compatriots!**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2007 marks the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation of Tudeh Party of Iran, the oldest political organization of Iran, the party of working people, the party of militant women, youth and students, the party of repressed ethnic groups, and the party of all patriots and freedom-loving people of the nation. The birth of TPI in 1941, in a period of time that Iran was struggle through social underdevelopment, widespread interference of colonial powers and the rule of domestic reaction, was a great event that provoked vital social, political and cultural developments in our country. Although our party has been attacked from left and right in the past 66 years, and although the propaganda media of the reactionary regimes and the world imperialism have tried to distort historical events and present a false picture of the revolutionary and militant nature of the working class party of the country, but our party has proudly passed through the most difficult tests of history. Despite the extensive assaults of the reaction, detentions, tortures and executions of tens of thousands of its members and

supporters, the party has steadfastly continued its struggle. Imperialism and reaction has feared, and still fears the ideological and political foundations of party, and its capability to organize workers and oppressed people so badly that only during short time of the 66 years of its existence, our party has been openly active. Hindering TPI from political and organization activities has always been a constant effort of imperialism and domestic reaction towards, from the thugs of Shah who executed a large number of Tudeh heroes and noble humans like Roozbeh, Siyamak, Mobasheri, Keyvan... to thugs of Velayat-e Faqih (Islamic Supreme Leader) regime who in the largest political massacre in the history of our country murdered thousands of political prisoners, including a number of the oldest political prisoners of the world, legends of resistance in the prisons of Shah and Velayat-e Faqih regime, who had spent more than 3 decades of their lives in the torture dungeons of Shah and Islamic Republic regime for their beliefs in the ideals of the working class and liberation of the nation.

Since the US led coup d'état of 1953 and suppressing the national movement in Iran, the Pahlavi regime tried for 25 years to eradicate TPI and eventually it was the regime itself that was ousted by the powerful hands of the people of our nation. Soon after, in the 1980's, Velayat-e Faqih regime pursued the unfinished business of Shah. In 1982, the regime leaders announced the crack down on TPI more important than the victories in the Iran-Iraq war fronts. The fear of the reaction and enemies of the people and nation from TPI stems from the significant impacts that our party has had in the development of

political, social and cultural movement in our country. Among the historic ideas that were for the first time introduced to our nation and were welcomed by a vast spectrum of people, and thousands of Tudeh men and women and progressive forces organized a struggle to materialize, these ideas could be mentioned: publishing hundreds of scientific books, cultural, political and social magazines and periodicals, widespread promotion of Marxism-Leninism in Iran, organizing workers and farmers trade unions, organizing student movements and forming progressive organizations of women for liberation of women from reactionary rules and class and gender oppression, introducing revolutionary programs and struggling for distinguishing the workers' rights and to outline and pass a labour law, struggling for land reforms in favor of farmers, to give women the right to elect and elected, free education and medical care for all, fair distribution of the nation's wealth and implementing social justice, self-determination of the ethnic groups of the nation within a liberated Iran, and the freedom for parties and trade unions.

### **Dear compatriots!**

We commemorate the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tudeh Party of Iran at a time that our nation is facing increasing domestic and international troubles. Destructive policies of Ahmadi-Nejad government has, on one hand, driven the socio-economic situation of the country to a crisis, and on the other hand, by destabilizing the economy, despite the enormous oil revenue, is putting tremendous economic pressure on the majority of the people. What really depict our society-in-crisis under the rule of Velayat-e Faqih regime, are nothing but living tens of millions of citizens under the poverty line – even by the government definitions – rapid growth of unemployment especially among the youth, rapid rate of bankruptcy of manufacturing plants, increasing prices and cost of living, growing inflation, unprecedented spread of social disorders like prostitution and substance abuse, and the harsh suppression of the dissent, the trade union and labour activists, and students and women.

Resumption of the current situation, and particularly the international tension and

regional conflicts could have disastrous consequences for Iran and its neighbors. The US imperialism has demonstrated that in order to establish its absolute hegemony in the strategic region of the Persian Gulf, is prepared to launch military invasion and destroy the peace and security of the region's people. Giving any kind of excuse to imperialism and its allies to provoke the tension atmosphere and to prepare the public opinion for military invasion of Iran, is undoubtedly against the national interests of our country. Tudeh Party of Iran has stated that while it supports the right of Iran to peaceful use of nuclear energy, believes that the issue of nuclear programs of Iran is only a pretext to justify the supremacist policies of imperialism in the region. The very dangerous conflicts in the region could only be resolved through international negotiations and not military, economic and political threats. The presence of more than one hundred thousands of military occupiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, besides the presence of the naval vessels of the US and other NATO countries in the Persian Gulf, is some of the main reasons for the current situation.

In its entire 66 years of its life, Tudeh Party of Iran has always promoted cooperation and united action of all the freedom-loving and anti-despot forces of the country and has taken vital steps towards this. Today, with the domestic and international threats against the interests of our nation, the united action of freedom-loving forces is more urgent than ever and is the immediate need of the popular movement. The victory of reaction in installing its puppet government was possible under conditions that reformist political and social forces were suffering a chronic dispersion and lack of coordination, and could not agree on unified slogans for their struggle in the most critical point in time. Overcoming this dispersion, and the united action of all the freedom-loving forces around the essential demands of the people, and not the group-sectarian interests, constitutes the essential solution to defeat the reaction and to open the road to prepare the grounds and foundations of fundamental, democratic and steady developments in our country. This united action and cooperation will open the

way to attract broad social strata and organizing them to fight against the conspiracies and plots of the reaction. Tudeh militants, Tudeh members and supporters!

The 66-year life of Tudeh Party of Iran could not be possible without the tireless and heroic struggle of you. In the past 66 years, it was you who through the most difficult times stayed loyal to the humane and noble ideals of the party of the working class of Iran and raised the flag of our party. This is the secret to the immortality of our party, which despite all the treacherous efforts of the reaction, is still steadfastly and powerfully present in the arena of political struggle in the country. Since the fall of 1982 that the extensive raid against our party began till today, it is close to 25 years that the Velayat-e Faqih regime has employed all in his power against our party – from bringing the victims of torture to TV shows, to manufacturing parties, to break up our party and explode it from within, and to discredit the leadership of the party – and still continues to do so. The splendid alertness and awareness of members and supporters of the party has been and will be the main obstacle in the success of the regime's plots. On the eve of the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Tudeh Party of Iran, once again we pledge to our fallen heroes and all who lost their lives for freedom, that we will sustain our deep and indisputable belief in the historic mission of the party of working people, and will fight for the liberation of Iran from the claws of despotism and to establish true freedom, independence and social justice.

**Salute to the shining memories of all the heroes fallen for freedom!**

**Salute to the hero political prisoners and the families of the martyrs and political prisoners!**

**Victory for the united struggle of all the freedom-loving forces to reject the Velayat-e Faqih regime!**

*Central Committee of Tudeh Party of Iran*

*24 September 2007*

*Joint Statement of Communist, Workers and Left Parties of the World:*

## **Against Another American War and For Peace and Democracy in Iran**

We the undersigned parties express our grave concern with the heightening tensions in the Persian Gulf region emanating from the US militaristic and hegemonic stance in its conflict with Iran (including Bush's latest statement on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2007). The US led pressures against Iran on the question of Iran's expressed wish to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, is only a cover for the US attempts to secure US control over an area of the Middle East that is best situated to control the production and export of energy resources from this part of the world. We also express our concern over the provocative and unacceptable statements from the Iranian president. These statements have provided the US and its allies, in particular the Israeli government, with the excuse to continue their provocations against Iran. The Iranian regime is exploiting the current situation to extend its suppression of progressive forces, trade unions, youth and student movements as well as women's movements.

We express our full solidarity with the people and progressive forces of Iran, with trade unions, women, youth and student movements that are campaigning for peace, democracy and social progress. **We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners** particularly the trade unionist leaders, student movement activists and women's right campaigners who have been arrested and tortured in recent months.

**We strongly and unconditionally express our total opposition to any military attack or intervention against Iran by the US, the EU or Israel.** We resolve to support all genuine efforts directed at the resolution of the current differences between the US and the Islamic Republic of Iran through peaceful and diplomatic means. We call for the elimination of all nuclear weapons in the Middle East, strict observance of the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty and declaring the region a nuclear weapons free zone. The future direction of developments in Iran should be decided only by the people of Iran and no one else.

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