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1. The 84th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Ilyich LENIN, the founder of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the creator of the Soviet socialist state, the leader and teacher of the working people of the entire world, takes place on April 22. In the new historical setting, in the epoch of imperialism and proletarian revolutions, LENIN, the brilliant continuer of the cause of Marx and Engels, raised the Marxist teaching to a new and higher stage, ideologically armed the working class of Russia and other countries for the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat, for the victory of Socialism and Communism. Lenin's name and Lenin's teaching have become the banner for all progressive mankind in the struggle for the new life, for a bright future.

2. The tremendous power of the influence exerted by the Leninist teaching on the entire course of world history is explained by the fact that it correctly reflects the urgent needs of the development of the material and spiritual life of society, the cardinal interests of the working class. Leninism, generalising the experience of the world revolutionary movement, helps the Communist and Workers' Parties and the working class to realise more clearly the great aims of the struggle for the emancipating of the working people from social and national oppression.

3. The Communist and Workers' Parties, armed with the all-conquering Marxist-Leninist teaching, with knowledge of the laws of social development and the political struggle, orientate themselves correctly in the events taking place in the world, correctly determine their strategy and tactics. This cannot be said of any of the bourgeois parties which are incapable of understanding the laws of historical development, which grope in the dark and base of their policy on the selfish interests of the capitalist monopolies, on the interests of the money-bags. The bourgeois parties that are on the way out are characterised by class blindness and narrow-mindedness. They defend all that is backward and reactionary, all that retards the progressive development of society. And although they are still in a position to cause no little harm to the working people and are doing so, the bourgeois parties are waging a hopeless cause, because the classes they serve have been condemned by history, doomed to inevitable destruction.

4. The great truth and vitality of the Leninist teaching has been proved by the entire course of historical events, by the more than half a century of militant revolutionary experience of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and by the revolutionary experience of the Communist and Workers' Parties of all countries.

5. The proletarian revolution in Russia and the creation of the first Soviet socialist state in the world constituted a genuine triumph for Leninism. Persistently following the Leninist path, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, under the leadership of its Central Committee headed by J.V. Stalin, great continuer of Lenin's cause, led the peoples of the Soviet country to the victory of Socialism. At present the Soviet people are successfully carrying out the programme for building a Communist society.

6. The victory won by the working people in a number of countries of Europe and Asia and the establishment of the system of people's democracy in these countries signifies a further triumph for the all-conquering Lenin ideas.

7. The theory and practice of socialist construction in the Soviet Union makes much easier the construction of the new life in the countries that have thrown off the yoke of capitalism. Leninism illumines the ways and the methods of the great social-economic transformations now being effected by the working population of the People's Republic of China, the ways and methods of socialist construction in all the countries of people's democracy.

8. An outstanding historical victory won by Marxism-Leninism in the working-class movement in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Albania and in the German Democratic Republic was the healing of the split in the working class and the founding of single, monolithic working-class Parties. The unification of the working-class Parties in these countries was effected on the basis of the firm ideological, organisational, political and theoretical principles of Leninism. The unity of the working class achieved in the countries of people's democracy is an inspiring model for the Communist and Workers' Parties in the capitalist, colonial and dependent countries.

9. Leninism teaches that the unity of the working class is of the greatest significance for the victory of the working people. To this noble aim are directed the many-sided activities of the Communist Parties of France, Italy and other countries, which are stubbornly and systematically fighting for the unity of the working class, for the unity of all the progressive forces of the nation, for peace, for democratic rights and for the independence of their countries.

10. Influenced by the Great October Socialist Revolution, by the victory of Socialism in the USSR and the achievements of all the countries of the democratic camp in building the new life, there unfolded the mighty liberation movement, a movement that is growing year by year, month by month, of the peoples in the colonial and dependent countries against the imperialist bondage. The Leninist ideas have clearly illumined the pathways of the national-liberation struggle of the peoples of the colonial and dependent countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. History has never known such a powerful and large-scale national-liberation movement of the peoples of the colonial and dependent countries as that now being fought out. Lenin repeatedly pointed out that there is no force in the world capable of holding back the struggle of the peoples of the colonial and dependent countries for their national and social emancipation. The entire colonial system of imperialism is tottering under the pressure of the national-liberation movement.

11. Leninism, a living, creative teaching, is constantly being developed and perfected, enriched with the new experience of the class struggle, by new theses and conclusions arising from the given historical situation; it is being enriched with the tremendous experience of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union--an experience which no other Party in the world possesses--with the rich experience of the Communist Party of China and the Communist and Workers' Parties in the People's Democracies, with the experiences of the struggle waged by the Communist and Workers' Parties all over the world. This, with renewed force, is further confirmation of the international character of Leninism.

12. The successful construction of Socialism in the People's Democracies is striking testimony to the immense significance of the people's-democratic system as a form of the dictatorship of the proletariat, to the world-historic significance of the Lenin ideas of the worker-peasant alliance under the leadership of the working class, on the new forms of the class struggle during the dictatorship of the proletariat, and to the significance of the Leninist principles which state that the basic indicator of the strength and the superiority of the new social system is the steady rise in labour productivity, and that the main aim of the new system is steady improvement in the material and cultural conditions of the working people.

13. The Communist and Workers' Parties are consistently implementing the principles of Marxism-Leninism, creatively applying them to the national and the national-state peculiarities. The new programmes of the Communist Parties of Great Britain, India, Japan,

Brazil and a number of other countries, which consistently and clearly define the tasks of the struggle for unity of the working class, for building the united national front, for the vital interests of the working people, for democracy and Socialism, are big contributions to the creative development of Marxism-Leninism.

14. Every step taken in developing Marxist-Leninist science makes it possible to expose before the masses more deeply, in more striking and more concrete fashion the entire rottenness of imperialism, its irreconcilable contradictions and the sharpening of the general crisis of capitalism. In the struggle for the interests of the working people, against bourgeois ideology, against the overt and covert enemies of the working class the Communist and Workers' Parties are winning and will continue to win thanks to their loyalty to Leninism, to their iron unity and indissoluble bonds with the masses.

15. The strength and might of the Communist and Workers' Parties are to be found in their steadfast adherence to the firm norms of Party building and to the principles of Party leadership elaborated by Lenin. Of great importance is the observance of inner-Party democracy and adherence to the Leninist principle of collective leadership as the highest principle of Party leadership.

16. The Leninist norms of Party life and the principles of Party leadership increasingly find fuller expression also in the organisational structure of the Communist and Workers' Parties and in their militant and vigorous activity. A striking example of this is afforded by the Party Rules adopted at the recent Congresses of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, the Polish United Workers' Party and the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. The Communist and Workers' Parties take resolute action against all who seek to violate and distort the Leninist principles of Party building, to weaken their unity and monolithic oneness.

17. The policy of the Communist and Workers' Parties is a consistent policy of proletarian internationalism, a policy of international solidarity of the working people and of the friendship between the peoples. The Communist and Workers' Parties are in the van of the struggle for peace and security of the peoples.

18. The Communist and Workers' Parties bear a tremendous responsibility for the future of mankind. Their chief task at the moment is struggle for the preservation and stabilisation of peace, struggle against the aggressive imperialist circles preparing a third world war, above all against the American monopolists, against their policy of straining international relations.

19. Never before have the Communist and Workers' Parties been confronted with such broad and genuinely world-historic tasks as at the present moment. With their courage and selflessness, by means of deeds, they are writing the most glorious pages in the history of the struggle of the working people, in the history of mankind.

20. Beneath the invincible banner of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin the Communist and Workers' Parties in all the countries are boldly and confidently marching forward, towards further victories for peace, democracy and Socialism.