



ΑΝΟΡΘΩΤΙΚΟ ΚΟΜΜΑ ΕΡΓΑΖΟΜΕΝΟΥ ΛΑΟΥ
Κεντρική Επιτροπή

Nicosia, 8th of June 2010

His Excellency Prime Minister of Poland

Mr. Donald TUSK

AKEL expresses its grave concern about the developments in Poland regarding the implementation of legislation banning the use of communist symbols. We consider that this development constitutes a continuation of the wider effort to equate communism with fascism, to distort history and eradicate all that that recalls the period of socialism, actions that are increasingly being intensified, especially in the countries of Eastern Europe.

We are also concerned about the general effort to criminalize the class struggle and the free activity of communists in Poland, as well in other East European countries.

According to the above, and given the decision to implement the anticommunist law in Poland, to be in effect from the 8th of June 2010, as AKEL:

1. We condemn the attempt of the Polish government to ban the use of the communist symbols. These actions without doubt represent a blow for democracy and freedom of expression. They render the pronouncements concerning democracy and the tolerance of different opinion, as words without any effect.
2. Furthermore, we consider that the legislation promoted represents an attempt to disorientate the public opinion from the huge deadlocks that have been created by capitalism and neo-liberalism, so evidently expressed by the global capitalist crisis underway. In addition, it is our conviction that this witch-hunt is nothing more than an attempt to silence and eliminate those forces that are struggling with consistency for the interests of the working people, social progress and the prosperity of their peoples.

3. We call on you to act in such a way as to terminate the implementation of the relative legislation prohibiting the use of the communist symbols, so that any unacceptable expediency will not prevail to the detriment of democratic values.

4. We express our unequivocal support and solidarity to the Communist Party of Poland, stressing that we shall continue to struggle vigorously and in practice at all levels so that the anti-communist hysteria will not prevail and for the safeguarding of its democratic right to operate and act in the interests of the working people and the Polish people in general.

Central Committee of AKEL