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International Department Central Committee League of Young Communists USA 27/08/2022

Dear comrades

Greetings to Second Congress of the League of Young Communists USA

Dear Comrades!

As a trade union movement with a proletarian outlook in Sri Lanka, we thank you for the opportunity to extend our best wishes to your conference.

Manifestations of the crisis of the capitalist system are to be experienced all over the world. Along with that crisis, due to inter-imperialist antagonisms, warlike conditions have been created, and the common people have been suffering in a massive way.

In such an atmosphere, this second conference of yours is extremely important and timely. Especially, the steps taken by left-wing movements like yours in the United States of America, which has become the leader of the imperialist and capitalist world today, give us great hope.

The capitalist economic system is inherently flawed. Therefore, it is not a political and economic model that will build the future world.

The situation in Sri Lanka is extremely tragic today, which brings greetings to your second conference. We have become a country that can no longer repay the debt. People are unable to access their essential goods and services. The

situation is worse when it comes to food. While overall inflation is around 67%, food inflation is only 80%. Electricity bill charges and water bill charges are going to increase by more than 100% from this month.

Young Communists in the United States! Sri Lanka is not facing the consequences of something that happened due to the personal wrongdoing of one person. This is the fault of the capitalist political and economic strategies that have ruled our country for the past 74 years. The mistakes of individuals have added to that error and made the situation more dire.

But we are fighting for a new socio-economic system, taking the current situation as a blessing. We are fighting for system change. We are doing that battle in our trade union movement, youth and student movements.

As a class oriented trade union movement, we are at the forefront of that battle.

Young communist brothers and sisters in the USA! This second conference of yours is also a source of courage for us.

Accept our congratulations, please.

Down with imperialism! Victory to socialism! Long live communist international Solidarity!!

Thank you.

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