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Dear Comrades,

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on behalf of the Party of the European Left, we express our sincere greetings on the occasion of your party's congress.

With a big concern I observe the political situation in Iran and in the region. It is particularly frightening to see Ebrahim Raisi become President. The new head of the country is responsible for the gruesome massacres in the prisons in 1988. The situation has been worsening for years: activists have been arrested inside, protesters threatened with execution, women and trade unionists oppressed. That is a scandal! Also the economic situation continues to deteriorate and some officials in Iran have been issuing dire warnings about Iran's economic crisis and the hardship people face as prices soar.

The Iranian people are facing a lot of problems and it makes the congress very challenging. The Iranian left plays an effective role in leading democratic movements and transitioning to democracy and fulfilling the demands of workers and the poor by advancing to an influential position in the country's political sphere. In the current situation, solidarity between the left and progressive forces and the unity of the working class is central to challenge tyranny. Your party's work is therefore especially important: you keep the socialist values in the struggle against tyranny and for freedom, social justice and democracy.

We send you the solidarity greetings and wish you successful congress.

Fraternal greetings

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