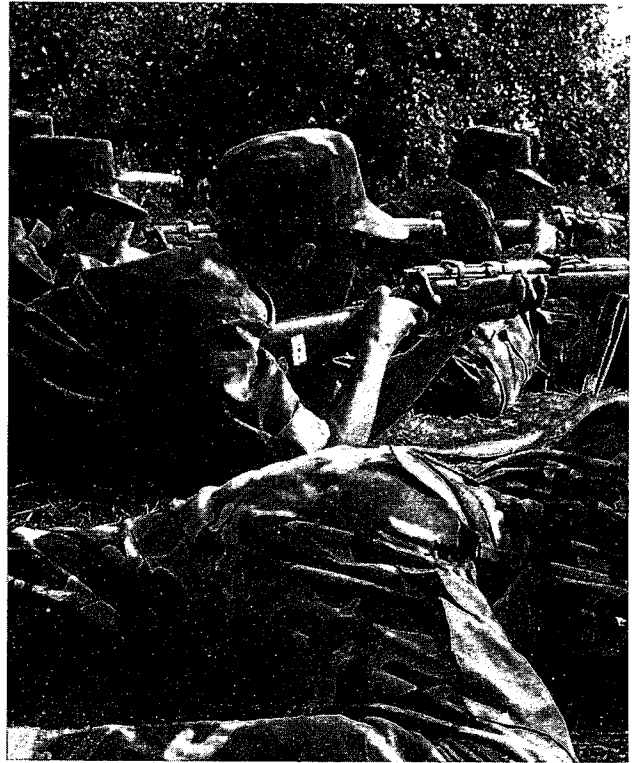


# To the Central Committee, Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist)



People's army  
special forces  
during the boycott  
of 1999 elections  
in Nepal.

1 May 2001

Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

Dear Comrades,

We would like to take the occasion of May First to send you our heartfelt congratulations for the successful convening of the Second National Conference of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN(M)). Further, we would like to extend our thanks for your invitation to our Committee to attend your Conference and regret that logistical difficulties prevented us from attending. Whilst not present physically at the Conference, we were there in spirit.

Although we have eagerly read news accounts of your conference, it was only recently that we received a thorough report on the conference from the Party itself. On this basis, our Committee has discussed the Conference results and concluded that it represents a great victory for your Party and will have important positive repercussions for the international communist movement as a whole. For our part, we will study deeply the documents of the Conference, and we are sure that all of the parties and organisations of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) will do the same, so that we can even more thoroughly learn from the great advances your Party has been making.

Comrades, in just five short years you have transformed the face of Nepal. The People's War you so daringly initiated on 13 February 1996 has unleashed and mobilised the revolutionary energy of the toiling masses of your country, who have long suffered under the burden of imperialism and feudalism. You have built up a powerful people's army, which has been delivering resounding blows against the enemy, and all the more so since



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the victorious conclusion of your Conference. Hundreds of thousands of people have directly participated in people's power. Relying on the proletariat's alliance with the peasantry, especially the poor and landless peasants, as the core of the united front, you have united the broad masses of the people of all the revolutionary classes and strata. You have overcome feudal practices that divided the people on caste lines; you have unleashed a torrent of struggle among the women of Nepal; you have given new hope and orientation to the youth and revolutionary intellectuals; and you have defended the interests of the nation against imperialism and Indian expansionism. You have demonstrated firmness in principle in making the waging of war the central task of the Party, whilst fighting on every front to serve this central task. In short, the proletariat has put itself at the head of the whole people and is leading them forward in revolution.

The basis for these great accomplishments is Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the scientific ideology that binds our Movement together. From its very foundation the comrades from Nepal have played an energetic role in RIM. With the victories won by the CPN(M) in further grasping and developing the correct political line, as well as your victories on the battlefield, this role has become all the more important in RIM and the international communist movement more generally. Your Conference has powerfully reaffirmed and further strengthened the proletarian internationalist line and orientation that has marked the CPN(M). We know that your pledge to turn Nepal into a base area of the world revolution is not mere words; already it is reality in the making and it is exercising an increasingly important role in accelerating the world revolution, especially in the crucial South Asian region, which is seething with struggle.

Your Conference has summed up the experience of the communist movement in Nepal and especially the lessons of the last five years of the People's War. Your Conference correctly summed up the central role played by Comrade Prachanda in the process of forging a correct ideological and political line for the revolution in your country, and has formally adopted this as Prachanda Path. Our Committee salutes the recognition of Comrade Prachanda's outstanding role, which has made contributions to the whole Movement, as well as to the proletariat in Nepal, and we hail his election as Chairman of the Party.

Comrades, we all know you face great hardships and that the course of the revolution will be marked by twists and turns and unexpected developments before final victory. You know that the genuine communists the world over, the Marxist-Leninist-Maoists, will share your grief for the comrades who sacrifice their lives, as well as the joy of the victories wrenched from the enemy through bitter struggle. Our unity is a precious achievement of the international proletariat, and no enemy, open or disguised, can ever rupture it.

Your important achievements mean that your Party will be called upon by the communist movement in the world to carry an even heavier burden for advancing the revolution on every front, in Nepal, South Asia and on a world scale. We are fully confident that you will meet every challenge and overcome every obstacle and that, together, we will ultimately achieve our lofty goal of a world free of classes and exploitation – communism. ■