REPORT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF VOLTA (PCRV)

(I) NATIONAL SITUATION

The situation in Upper Volta, known as Burkina Faso, is characterized by the total bankruptcy of the neocolonial system driven by international imperialism, especially French imperialism, through the various bourgeois regimes that have successively managed state power through neoliberal policies since the formal independence of the country.

The country has been facing a reactionary civil war since 2015 imposed by the imperialist powers, in particular French imperialism, by relying on armed terrorist groups and the reactionary bourgeoisie.

This reactionary war served as a pretext for clans of the neocolonial army to perpetrate two military coups (in January 2022 and September 2022) in the period of 8 months. This political instability easily shows the decay of the neocolonial state and the deep crisis within the Defense and Security Forces, undermined by the existence of putschist clans.

What is at stake in this war, which has plunged the country into a political, economic, social and military crisis, is the maintenance and strengthening of imperialist rule, exploitation and oppression of the working class and the people. The actions of the armed terrorist groups, products and instruments of the imperialist powers, are aimed, among other things, at stifling the momentum of the struggles of the Democratic and Revolutionary Movement. The pseudo-revolutionary military regime in power at the moment, which speaks of a strategic alliance with Russian imperialism, is multiplying its attacks on democratic freedoms, democratic and revolutionary workers' organizations (trade unions) and popular youth. Fascist militias and death squads carry out arbitrary arrests, kidnappings and disappearances of citizens with impunity. All these actions aim to liquidate the general staff of the working class, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Volta (PCRV), and to thwart the advent of a real Revolution, the National, Democratic and Popular Revolution (RNDP), transition to scientific socialism and communism. To achieve this goal, the capitalist-imperialist system, the bourgeoisie, especially in times of crisis, do not hesitate to resort to repressive or even fascist powers. It is in this disastrous pattern that the current regime is inscribed by acts of brutal questioning of fundamental freedoms and social gains, fascist repression directed against democrats and revolutionaries, etc. In addition, the stalemate and aggravation of the security and humanitarian crisis (more than 2 million internally displaced people), the economic stagnation, nepotistic, anti-people and reactionary management of power, the high cost of living are throwing the popular masses into unspeakable disarray.

The national situation is certainly troubled and complex with contradictory processes, but also carries important lessons and challenges for the working class and the people, and for the General Staff of the proletariat, the PCRV. The proletariat, the peasantry, the popular youth and all the other popular strata, educated by the popular insurrection of October 2014 and the resistance to the military putsch of September 2015, have become aware of their strengths. The demonstrations of people to express their concerns, the increasingly open expression of critical voices, testify to the fact that the working masses are gradually perceiving the real nature of the Power of the Patriotic Movement for Safeguarding and Restoration 2 (MPSR 2). It is a real deception wanting to drape itself in the mantle of a revolution. Now, a Revolution is not decreed, but is built on the basis of a revolutionary theory and under the enlightened leadership of the General Staff of the proletariat. All this indicates that the Revolution is a question posed and to be resolved in our country.

The bankruptcy of the bourgeoisie and imperialism, especially French imperialism, is more and more concrete for the countless masses confronted with the dramatic consequences of the reactionary civil war. History shows, and the many facts confirm, that reactionary wars often lead to crises or revolutionary situations sooner or later. The party must do the work to grasp the real events on the basis of its program.

To better assume its position in the political landscape, the Party has launched an internal political campaign and at the level of all democratic and revolutionary organizations with precise and concrete tasks in their respective sectors.

The central objective is to defeat the liquidation plan that the government is hatching against the Party, to develop the work of implantation among the masses for the construction of a broad Popular Unity Movement for Revolutionary Change (MUPCR) for the transformation of the ongoing reactionary civil war into a revolutionary war and the realization of the National Democratic and People's Revolution (RNDP).

II) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (2024-2025)

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The Patriotic Movement for Safeguarding and Restoration (MPSR 2) and its leader Captain Ibrahim Traoré: a group of reactionary Bonapartists who govern by lies, demagoguery, manipulation and terror.

- Declaration of the PCRV on the occasion of May 1st, 2025

(…) The PCRV calls on democrats, revolutionaries, progressive forces to mobilize and fight:

. Against the reactionary civil war, for a real independence of the country and the correct resolution of the national question;

. Against the high cost of living, corruption, the reduction of numerous taxes and duties, with a view to improving living and working conditions;

. Against extra-judicial executions, kidnappings and kidnappings of citizens outside of judicial proceedings;

. For political freedom, individual and collective freedoms, the dissolution of death squads and against the fascisation of the power of the MPSR 2;

. Against impunity for blood crimes and economic crimes.

- Declaration of the start of the 2024-2025 school year

(…) the power of the MPSR 2, which surfs on the anti-imperialist struggle, cannot solve the fundamental problems of education. For the international financial institutions, education is not a priority issue. The priority issues are above all those that allow for the strengthening of imperialist capitalist domination, the extortion of capitalist surplus value, that make it possible to repay debts.… Consequently, the MPSR 2 cannot give impetus to an education and research system other than that of the regimes that preceded it.

The PCRV invites the working class, the people and the popular youth to unite with it in a broad movement of popular unity for revolutionary change as a way solution to the crisis of the capitalist system with its consequences in terms of reactionary wars, plundering of national resources and the bankruptcy of the neocolonial state. The realization of the National, Democratic and People's Revolution by the General Armed Insurrection (IGA) will allow the establishment of a Modern Democratic Republic, the implementation of a political program for education in order to liquidate illiteracy, make compulsory and free education effective for all up to the age of 16, collect and centralize collective know-how for the development of a scientific, democratic and popular culture, with a view to opening the way to economic and social progress, to true national independence, to freedom and democracy.

- Meeting at the Ouagadougou Labor Exchange (the capital of Burkina Faso) intended to commemorate both the anniversary of the popular insurrection of October 30 and 31, 2014 and the victorious resistance to the putsch of September 2015.

- Declaration General Confederation of Labor of Burkina Faso (CGTB), Federation of National Trade Unions of Education and Research Workers (F-SYNTER), National Coordination of Teacher-Researchers and Researchers (CNEC)

Denounce the attempted kidnapping on January 29, 2024 at dawn of Moussa Diallo, Teacher-Researcher at the University Center of Manga and Secretary General of the CGTB. He escaped his kidnapping thanks to the intervention of neighbors and CGTB activists. Since that date, he has been in hiding.

- May 1, 2025

Declaration of the Trade Union Action Unit (UAS) bringing together the 6 trade union centers of the country including the CGTB, and autonomous trade unions.

Rallies and activities of trade union organizations in the different regions of the country.

- AJB (Association of Journalists of Burkina Faso) denounced attacks on freedom of expression and press freedom "never equaled" since a military junta came to power in a coup d'état in September 2022.

They manifest themselves in the kidnappings and forcible confinement of journalists and columnists.

In 2024, at least 3 journalists and 4 media columnists have been kidnapped, and some are missing. Others are forced into exile, fearing for their safety.

- February 6, 2025 Meeting of the Government / workers' trade unions. Around the workers' demands, the arbitrary dismissal of Moussa Diallo General Secretary of the CGTB, the question of freedom, the high cost of living, the revision of the labor code, etc...

- June 10, 2025, the National Union of Human and Animal Health Workers (SYNTSHA), Regional Hospital Center (CHR) section of Koudougou, in a platform of demands, urges the management to put in place the necessary conditions to allow the medical profession to provide adequate care to patients.

The union denounces the inadequacy and obsolescence of the equipment and medico-technical material, the inadequacy of certain staff profiles, etc. during the strike movement.

- August 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 victorious holding of the 32nd Congress

From the General Union of Burkinabe Students (UGEB) in Ouagadougou on the following theme:

"In the face of the continuous and generalized aggravation of the crisis of the imperialist capitalist system, fueled by reactionary wars that are devastating the world and with repercussions on the African continent, and in particular in the West African sub-region and Burkina Faso;

Faced with the restrictive policy on trade union and political freedoms of the Patriotic Movement for Safeguarding and Restoration (MPSR 2), with the main pretext of the reactionary civil war imposed on our people;

Faced with the inability of the various powers that have succeeded each other to date to solve the problems that undermine the education system of our country, especially higher education, through

the continuation of neoliberal policies in particular the Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) and its different variants:

UGEB Activists,

- let us further raise the spirit of sacrifice to defend and preserve the UGEB and its sections from all maneuvers of liquidation

-let us work to strengthen the mass base of our Union in a context of changes in higher education so that it continues to effectively defend the interests of students in conjunction with those of our people;

- develop active solidarity with the students who are victims of the reactionary civil war imposed on our people by imperialism, especially French imperialism, and their products, the armed terrorist groups and their allies;

- Let us raise our level of trade union and political consciousness to understand the national situation and contribute resolutely to the building of a powerful movement of popular unity, real change".

Nearly 500 delegates from the sections of the National Association of Burkinabe Students from public universities in the various regions of the country and from the sections of the UGEB abroad (France, Senegal) participated in the work.

- Despite the context of fascisation of power, the spirit of struggle remains at the level of the people who reject the masquerade of power of the MPSR 2 and its leader Captain Ibrahim Traoré who are increasingly isolated. This regime, taking advantage of the disarray felt by the populations due to the death and misery inflicted on them by armed terrorist groups, pretends to be the savior of the country.

The cunning, manipulations and lies he uses have less and less hold on the fundamental strata of our people. The mobilizations observed through increasingly strong demonstrations in the regions are the expression of the failure of the MPSR 2 and an awakening of consciousness among the population for a correct resolution of their concerns, particularly security. These struggles sometimes culminate in violent insurrections against the symbols and supporters of power, as was the case in Solenzo in the Boucle du Mouhoun, where the chief of the canton was lynched to death by the population because he wanted to prevent a demonstration by the population exasperated by the worsening insecurity. In Nouna, Solenzo, Diapga, Bogandé, Kongoussi, Ouargaye..., and sometimes in smaller localities, the population organized public demonstrations to demand more security, more well-being.

Education workers through the corporation of History-Geography and French teachers have led struggles. The same is true of the health sector, and of the mine workers in Houndé, a locality in the west of the country, for specific demands.

In the face of these major challenges, the alternative that the Revolutionary Communist Party of Volta (PCRV) proposes to the working class and our people is to carry out a national democratic and popular revolution (RNDP) by means of a general armed insurrection.