

For the Success of the Front de Gauche in the French Presidential Election

INTERNATIONALIST APPEAL

We, academics, intellectuals, writers, artists, leaders of political forces, trade unions as well as citizen and social movements, are engaged in the construction of political and social, democratic and popular fronts, to combat the social and ecological devastation of globalised capitalism and its oligarchies. This is taking place in our respective countries as well as at the international level.

All over, we observe that resistances and struggles are multiplying and taking form. They are contributing to the emergence of a vast global movement of ideas. This is already inspiring, in Latin America, forms of regional construction based on solidarity and popular sovereignty, as well as governmental measures that are breaking with neo-liberalism.

Since the financial crisis of 2008, Europe, the pillar of global capitalism and its globalitarian agenda, has become the epicentre of the global crisis. Its peoples are subject to brutal structural adjustment policies that are, in all respects, similar to those that the countries of the South, among others, were exposed to in the 1990s and early 2000s.

The actors are in part the same: conservative or social-democratic governments and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The latter has been joined by the European Commission and the European Central Bank to form the sinister and all-powerful "troika" which now administers its cruel remedies to populations.

History teaches us that when Europe tumbles, the world can topple. To prevent it from sinking into perpetual austerity, widespread recession and an authoritarian and reactionary political project, the rise, in France, of the Front de Gauche, alongside other European progressive forces, is good news, as well as a necessity. Moreover, France is a voice that counts in the world, when it follows in the tradition of the Enlightenment, the 1789 Revolution, the Paris Commune, the Popular Front and the French Resistance.

The Front de Gauche embodies all of the renewed potential of this great tradition of historic socialism, social emancipation, progress and construction in the general interest of humankind. It also takes into account the 21st century issue of understanding the unicity of our ecosystem and the urgency of preserving it through ecological conversion on a global scale that takes into consideration the ecological debt that industrialised countries have in relation to other countries.

With the Front de Gauche, France can significantly contribute to the construction of a different Europe and a different type globalisation. That is why, after having learned from the failure and the collapse of state communism, as well as from the conversion of social-democracy to social-liberalism, accompanying and tinkering with the globalised capitalist system, the issue of forming another left in France is crucial. It is crucial for France and for Europe, but also for the rest of the

world.

We believe that the success of the Front de Gauche and its candidate, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, in the presidential election on the 22nd of April and the 6th of May 2012 can contribute to the renewal and strengthening of internationalism in the fight against globalised finance. For this reason, we wish every success to the Front de Gauche and express our solidarity with its candidate.