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The Romanian people, alongside of the peoples of the Soviet Union and the peoples of the other socialist countries, the international communist and working-class movement and the whole of progressive mankind celebrate the birth centenary of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Our people, its Communist Party pay on this jubilee a warm homage to the great communist theoretician and revolutionary leader of the proletariat, founder of the Bolshevik Communist Party, leader of the Great October Socialist Revolution and of the Soviet Socialist State, ardent militant for the liberation of the oppressed and exploited masses, for the triumph of the cause of socialism and communism in the world.

Starting his activity on the eve of the 20th century, when Marxism was facing new problems, burning revolutionary tasks, V.I. Lenin demonstrated that the source of the vitality of Marxism, of its power of influence was its organic link with the realities of the era, its utmost receptiveness to practical experience, to the gains the human genius wins by ceaseless scientific investigation of nature and society. Guiding himself by the dialectical-revolutionary outlook and method of Marxism, he generalized the new experience provided by social development in Russia, by the struggles of the proletariat, of the progressive forces under the conditions of capitalism developing into its monopoly stage,
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by the deepening of inter-imperialist contradictions making a contribution of tremendous importance to the enriching theory, strategy and tactics of the working-class movement.

V.I.Lenin's care for substantiating the political line, the activity of the communist party by thorough study of social life is well known, just as his care for acting not upon abstract theses and immovable schemes, but according to the live flow of events, setting out from the concrete social and political conditions under which the general features of the revolution and of building the new social system are being realized. The experience of the communist parties and of the socialist countries has demonstrated that what is generally valid in the revolutionary transformation of society is being materialized in a great and increasing diversity of forms, that the mastery of the vanguard party of the working class consists of its capability of combining the general and particular into a dialectical whole, of realizing the demands of the fundamental laws and principles in keeping with the concrete conditions, the historical and national particularities of each country, of each people. Lenin said "... The task is to always know how to apply the general and fundamental principles of communism to the particularities of objective development towards communism, particularities characteristic to each country and which you have to know how to study, to discover, to guess." These basic truths of Marxism-Leninism are all the more valid today, when in the social struggles, steadily bigger people's masses are attracted, when the revolutionary processes include all the continents, countries with development levels, economic and social, historical and national conditions that are so different from one to another.

A brilliant confirmation of the Leninist ideas, of Lenin's merits of communist organiser and leader, has been the victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution which

fulfilled for the first time in history the aspirations of the working people for social liberty, marked a cornerstone in Russia's history, ushered in the era of mankind's transition from capitalism to socialism.

Implementing the Leninist programme of building the new social system, the Soviet people, by the tremendous creative efforts made under the leadership of the CPSU, has ensured the triumph of socialism in the USSR, the lasting consolidation of the Soviet State, the transition to the building of communism. The Soviet Union recorded in the decades that have elapsed since October 1917, outstanding achievements in economic, social and cultural advancement, in raising the living standard of her peoples.

The working people of our country, the entire Romanian people, particularly appreciate and express their profound satisfaction for the achievements of the Soviet people on the road of building communism, achievements in which they see a most important contribution to the strengthening of the world socialist system, of the forces of progress and of peace the world over.

Celebrating the birth centenary of V.I.Lenin, we recall the rich traditions of the internationalist links between the revolutionary movements of Romania and of Russia, of the cooperation between the Romanian and the Soviet communists, of the friendship between our peoples and countries.

Close links were established along history between the Romanian and Russian revolutionaries; Lenin repeatedly spoke about the revolutionary movements in Romania, regarded with sympathy the struggle of our people for national and social liberation, the process of the formation of the national State in our country, just as in other South-East European countries. A brilliant page in the relations between the Romanian and the Russian proletariat is the participation, arms in hand, of the detachments of the Romanian revolutionaries, alongside of the Red Army, in the

defence of the young Soviet power against the counter-revolution and imperialist intervention.

Holding aloft the banner of proletarian internationalism, the Romanian Communist Party has militated, from its very foundation, for relations of friendship and good neighbourhood between Romania and the Soviet Union, for making known the achievements of the Soviet peoples, the experience of the CPSU in building the new society. In the difficult years of the Hitlerite war, the communists, facing the repressive apparatus of the military-fascist dictatorship, heroically and selflessly fought against the anti-Soviet war, for Romania's withdrawal from the war and her joining the anti-fascist coalition. After the carrying through of the armed insurrection in August 1944, in the heat of the battles waged by the Romanian army alongside of the Soviet army - which made the decisive contribution to smashing nazi Germany - the fraternal Romanian-Soviet friendship was formed. Relations of friendship between our parties, countries and peoples rose in the years of socialist construction onto a new, higher stage, on the lasting basis of the community of social system and of ideology, of the common aims of socialism and communism, of the struggle against imperialism.

The Romanian Communist Party, the working class, our entire people highly value the Romanian-Soviet friendship, the development of multilateral collaboration between our countries, the deepening of cooperation at all levels of economic, social and political life. We are convinced that the strengthening of the solidarity and links of friendship between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, between the Romanian Communist Party and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union corresponds to the interests of both our countries and, at the same time, to the interests of strengthening the world socialist system, the general cause of socialism, progress and peace in the

world. The Romanian Communist Party, the Romanian Government will act, in the future too for the continuous strengthening and development of the friendship between our parties, states and peoples, based upon the principles of Marxism-Leninism and socialist internationalism.

For the Romanian communists, for the working class and for the other working people, the celebration of the birth centenary of Lenin is an occasion for a retrospective of the struggles that led to the homeland's social and national liberation, to the rich achievements registered in the building of socialism under the leadership of the Romanian Communist Party.

Acting in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism, drawing up its political line, tactics and forms of activity in keeping with the objective demands and particularities of the country's development in each stage, the Romanian Communist Party has successfully led the working class, the whole people in the carrying through of the socialist revolution and construction. In the last quarter of a century, Romania has traversed a whole historical epoch: socialism has fully triumphed in towns and country-side, our country stepping today on the road of building the multilaterally developed socialist society, in accordance with the programme established by the Tenth Congress of the Romanian Communist Party.

Romania's national economy, based on the foundations of socialism has powerfully developed, indissolubly linked to the implementation of the Leninist policy of socialist industrialisation. The fruits of this policy are materialised by the fact that Romania has today a fully developing economy, in which industry has become the decisive branch, giving more than 60 per cent of the gross social product. The Romanian industrial output is over 15 times

bigger than in 1938; in the last five-year plans the growth rate of industrial output was of over 13 per cent on an annual average.

One of the big achievements of the Romanian people is the cooperativisation of agriculture, the socialist transformation of the village, that was accomplished according to the concrete conditions of our country and led to the steady growth of agricultural plant and animal output. Our Party starts out from the concept that the transformation of the relations of production in the country-side is only the beginning of the building of a powerful, modern socialist agriculture. The turning to account of the superiority of the socialist system in agriculture calls for sustained material and financial efforts to build up an intensive agriculture with a high social productivity. Expressing our preoccupations in this respect, a recent Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Party drew up the national long-range programmes for the development of zootechny and increasing animal production and for the rational administration of water resources, expansion of irrigations, combating soil erosion - domains of greatest importance for the progress of our socialist agriculture.

Education, science, the arts, culture, without which one cannot conceive a modern advanced society have powerfully blossomed.

By mobilising the efforts of the people for raising at a sustained rate the economy, we proceed from the Leninist concept that everything that is being produced is for man liberated from exploitation, for his welfare and happiness. The dynamism of the economy has ensured the steady growth of the national income which in 1969 exceeded 5.6 times the prewar level; on this basis, measures have been systematically implemented for raising the material

standard and cultural level of the people. In the last few years the wage system has been improved for all categories of wage and salary earners, especially for those with lower wages. Important increases have been made in pensions, a pension scheme has been introduced and the pensions were raised for the cooperative farmers. An ample housing construction programme is being implemented, the State's expenditures have increased for the advancement of education, culture, science, for the health protection of the working people.

At present, the entire Romanian people devotes its efforts to the successful conclusion of the last year of the current Five-Year Plan, laying the lasting foundations for the transition to the implementation of the programme adopted by the Tenth Congress of the Romanian Communist Party. The 1971-1975 Five-Year Plan is being worked out on the basis of the Congress Directives - plan that will mark a new and important stage in the building of the multilaterally developed socialist society, in doing away with the gap between our country and countries with a developed economy, in raising our society onto new stages of civilisation and advancing the people's living standard.

Parallel with the sustained progress of the economy, our Party pays great attention to the development of society at all levels, to the perfection of the new relations of production, to the unabated implementation of the fundamental principles of socialism in all compartments of social life. A top place in the Party's preoccupations is held by the development of socialist democracy, the creation of such conditions that our system should turn to full use the creative virtues of the entire people, to permit the broad assertion of the human personality in the sphere of material, social, political and spiritual activity. On this line, our Party, by consistently accomplishing democratic centralism - whose concrete demands

are constantly changing - has promoted in the last few years a set of measures which, concomitantly with strengthening order, discipline and responsibility in the implementation of the programme of society's advancement, lead to enhancing the attributes of the local Party, State, economic, social and cultural bodies, to increasing the functional mobility and initiative of the enterprises and institutions, create new conditions for the permanent and direct participation of the masses in running the country. We also pay particular attention to the consistent implementation of the principles of social ethics and equity, of socialist humanism, to the moulding of the new, advanced man of the socialist society. Our Party extensively develops the activity of educating the whole people in the spirit of the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, of the concept of dialectical materialism, of the political and ideological steeling of the communists, of its cadres. At the same time, by starting out from the fact that our system incorporates everything that the human mind has produced most valuable in the sphere of science, culture, artistic creation, we are particularly concerned with the broadening of the working people's cultural horizon, the assimilation of the gains of contemporary scientific and technical revolution.

The social, economic and political transformations that have profoundly renewed the whole society ensure an invincible lastingness to our socialist system.

In the process of the revolution, of the development of the socialist society the decisive role of the working class, the leading social force of the country, most consistent promoter of social progress has asserted itself more and more actively, the worker-peasant alliance, the veritable backbone of the society's unity has risen onto higher stages, the contribution of the intelligentsia has

increased in the advancement of the economy, science, education and spiritual production, in enriching the people's cultural patrimony. In this way the unshakeable unity of the entire people around the Communist Party has been consolidated, unity which expresses the full adhesion of the Romanian people to the ideals of socialism, its unflinching determination to ensure the building of communism in our homeland.

The accomplishment of the socialist system, the abolition of the exploitation of man by man ensure the multilateral flourishing of the nation, the development of all its creative potentials. Social historical practice demonstrates that the socialist nation is a powerful motive force of development, that it fulfils a tremendous progressive role in the whole epoch of building socialism and communism. In this spirit, our Communist Party, born out of the ranks of the working class, of the Romanian people, considers that the serving of the interests of our socialist nation, the raising of its level of material and spiritual advancement are a supreme demand of its whole activity. At the same time, our Party shows permanent concern for the development of internationalist collaboration with the other socialist countries, with all the communist and workers' parties. It is in this that our concept finds embodiment, our concept on the organic, entirely dialectical unity of the national interests and international ones, our conviction that their harmonious blending is the guarantee for the development and flourishing of each nation and, by this, the strengthening of the socialist system as a whole.

On the territory of our country side by side with the Romanian people there have been living and working for centuries on end Magyar, German, Serbian and other coinhabiting nationalities, who represent some 12 per cent of the country's population. Proceeding from the Marxist-

Leninist thesis that a people that oppresses other peoples cannot be free, our Communist Party paid greatest attention to the solving of the national question. In the process of the socialist revolution and construction full equality of rights and indestructible brotherhood have been accomplished between the Romanian people and the coinhabiting nationalities, the national question has been solved.

The achievements recorded by the Romanian people, the new face of socialist Romania are the outcome of its selfless struggle, of its creative work, carried on under the leadership of the Romanian Communist Party. Our Party has today two million members, from among the ranks of the working class, peasantry, intelligentsia and asserts itself as the leading political force of the whole society. Its Marxist-Leninist policy, its ideology, unite and guide towards the same goals all the working people, our socialist nation. Of course, the advance on this road was neither simple nor easy. We had to overcome a series of difficulties and shortcomings, some of them inherent to such profound work as is the revolutionary transformation of society on socialist basis, while others determined by mistakes made in governing the new society. But the merit of the Romanian Communist Party is that it knew how to find solutions to the problems raised by life, to surmount the difficulties and to mobilise the efforts of the whole people for overcoming them, ensuring the unswerving advance of the country towards socialism.

The experience of our country demonstrates once again that the Communist Party can fulfil its role of vanguard political force only if it is linked by thousands of fibres to the working class, to the people from whose ranks it was born, if it loyally and selflessly serves the interests of the people, the cause of socialism. The better the Party expresses the demands of social progress, the interests of the working masses, the better it solves

the problems of revolutionary struggle, the more lasting become its links with the masses, the greater is the confidence of the people in the Party, the bigger is its contribution to the general cause of socialism and communism. In this way, the Party of the communists blends in its activity the requirements of patriotism and internationalism, fulfils both the responsibilities incumbent on it to the working class, its own people and the international duties - because its tasks are national and international concomitantly, because the victories registered nationally constitute together gains of the working class internationally.

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Leninism finds today a live embodiment in the remarkable achievements of the peoples of the socialist countries, in the development of the international communist and working-class movement - the most important political force of our days, in the growing influence it exercises on the ranks of broad social sections in the world.

The fundamental characteristic of the present epoch is the growth of the revolutionary, progressive forces - which determine to a steadily bigger extent the course of international events, the struggle against the aggressive policy of imperialism, for the defence of world peace - the accumulation of fresh objective factors for the attainment of still bigger successes in the people's struggle for social and national liberation.

In these conditions of special importance is the unity of the communist and workers' parties, of the socialist countries, of all the anti-imperialist forces. Of course, as is known, there are differences of opinions and divergencies within our movement that affect this unity. The Romanian Communist Party starts out from the conviction that the common interests, the Marxist-Leninist ideology,

the unity of aims, everything that unites the communist parties, the socialist countries are more powerful than the divergencies. That is why, it is necessary to intensify the efforts for surmounting the present situation, which we consider temporary, for overcoming the difficulties through which the international communist and working-class movement is passing, the normalisation of relations of the world socialist system, the re-making and strengthening of the unity of the socialist countries on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We are deeply convinced that the only path of creating the conditions for the attainment of these objectives is that of comradely discussions, the approach, from Marxist-Leninist positions, of the differences of views and divergencies and their solving in keeping with the norms of relations between the communist and workers' parties, proceeding from the interests of the own people, of the working class, of the international communist movement and of the cause of socialism in the world.

Asserting itself as an active detachment of the international communist movement, the Romanian Communist Party develops broad relations with all the fraternal communist and workers' parties, with the other detachments of the working class in other countries, with the anti-imperialist forces everywhere.

The socialist Republic of Romania centres its foreign policy on the lasting friendship and alliance with all the socialist countries. Our Party attaches great importance to collaboration and cooperation with the other socialist countries, which express an objective necessity, resulting from the common social system, from the common ideals and aims. The fundamental meaning of this collaboration and cooperation is the development of each socialist country, its multilateral progress and, in this way, the

strengthening of the world socialist system, of the positions and influence of socialism in the world. In this spirit, Romania actively promotes economic cooperation with the countries that are participants in the activity of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance as well as with all the other socialist countries. Setting out from the idea that as long as imperialism exists the danger of aggressive wars is also maintained, the Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian Government pay full attention to strengthening the country's defence capacity, to the leading, endowment and fighting training of the armed forces of the Socialist Republic of Romania. Our country develops relations of collaboration on a military plane with the Warsaw Treaty member countries, treaty whose member it is, expands collaboration with the armies of all the socialist countries, being ready at any time to make its contribution to safeguarding the interests of socialism and peace against any imperialist aggressor.

At the same time, Romania develops multilateral relations with countries having different social economic systems. She consistently founds all her foreign relations on the observance of national sovereignty and independence, equal rights, mutual advantage and non-interference in internal affairs, principles that gain growing ground in the world.

As a European country, Romania actively militates, alongside of the other socialist countries, for the achievement of European security, for a conference of the European states that could make a real contribution to the attainment of this important objective for the peace of our continent and of the world.

Expressing their concern for the continuation of the war in Vietnam, for the danger the American intervention represents to the expansion of military conflicts in

Indochina, the Romanian Government and people urge the cessation of the U.S. aggression in Vietnam, the withdrawal of the American troops from South Vietnam, and for the Vietnamese people to be left to solve its own problems. Expressing the internationalist feelings of our people, Romania has given and gives her entire material and moral-political support to the brother Vietnamese people, to its just cause.

Following with attention the evolution of events in the Near East, our country expresses its anxiety for the maintenance of tension, for the intensification of military conflicts and clashes. Romania considers that for ensuring peace in that part of the world it is necessary that the Israeli troops be withdrawn without delay from the occupied territories, that the integrity of the frontiers be ensured as also the security of all the states in that region, that the Palestine refugee problem be solved, taking into account their national interests in keeping with the 1967 resolution of the Security Council.

The Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian Government act for the implementation of concrete progress on the path of disarmament, especially of nuclear disarmament, being convinced that this would be of great significance for improving the international climate, the promotion of the cause of international peace and security.

In celebrating the centenary of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, the highest homage the Romanian communists, our entire people pay to his memory is the mobilisation of the creative efforts of all the working people for the social-economic development of our socialist homeland, for raising the level of material and spiritual civilisation of the people, is the continuous development of the friendship and internationalist solidarity with the other socialist countries, with the communist and workers' parties, with all

the revolutionary, anti-imperialist and democratic forces of our epoch, in the interest of the cause of socialism and peace in the world.

In conclusion, I would like to address on this occasion to the readers of newspaper "Pravda", to the communists, to all the Soviet people, warm wishes for progress and prosperity, steadily bigger successes in the building of communism, in the struggle for the triumph of the ideas of socialism, peace and friendship among peoples, to which Lenin generously dedicated his whole life.

SPEECH BY NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AT THE MOSCOW FESTIVE MEETING
MARKING LENIN'S BIRTH CENTENARY

Nicolae Ceaușescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, also spoke during the April 22, proceedings of the joint festive meeting of the Central Committee of the CPSU, of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR dedicated to the celebration of V.I.Lenin's birth centenary.

Dear Comrades,

I have particular pleasure in paying, at this solemn assembly a warm homage to the work and personality of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and to address to you, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to all the Soviet communists and peoples the most heartfelt congratulations and salute of internationalist solidarity of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, of the Romanian communists and of the entire people.

Together with the whole of progressive mankind, the Romanian people celebrates the birth centenary of Lenin, honouring the Marxist revolutionary theoretician and strategist, the founder and leader of the Bolshevik Communist Party who prepared and implemented the Great October Socialist Revolution - event which ushered in a new era in the history of mankind.

Studying the realities of his country, the development of capitalism in its imperialist stage, synthetising the experience of the proletariat's struggle and the latest gains of science Vladimir Ilyich Lenin enriched the revo-

lutionary theory, strategy and tactics of the working class, creatively furthered, in the new historic conditions, the work of Marx and Engels.

Opponent to any kind of rigidity in thinking, Lenin saw in Marxism not a collection of dogmas, of intangible and eternally valid theses, but a live guide in action, a dialectical-revolutionary concept and method which is steadily enriched in the permanent confrontation with social practice, by the generalisation of everything that is new in the advancement of society and human knowledge.

The ideas of Marxism-Leninism, found a brilliant practical confirmation in the victory of socialism in the Soviet Union. The Romanian communists, our people, wholeheartedly rejoice at the big achievements of the Soviet Union and convey to the Soviet communists and peoples good wishes for fresh success on the road of building communism, of welfare and happiness of the working folk.

The friendship between our peoples is deeply rooted in history. Numerous revolutionary militants of Romania personally knew and worked with Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. A live expression of the internationalist spirit of the working class, of the progressive forces of Romania has been the participation, arms in hand, of the Romanian revolutionaries - who formed the first international fighting detachment against the imperialist intervention - in the defence of the young Soviet State.

From its very inception, the Romanian Communist Party consistently militated for the development of Romanian-Soviet friendship. This friendship has been lastingly cemented in the years of socialism based upon the community of social system. The Romanian Communist Party, the working class, our entire people are determined to unswervingly promote henceforth too the line of deepening the rela-

tions of fraternal collaboration between our parties and peoples.

Dear Comrades,

In the years of socialist construction, the working class of our homeland, in alliance with the peasantry, with all working people, recorded outstanding achievements in the implementation of the policy of the Romanian Communist Party. The successes obtained by the Romanian people, under the leadership of the Romanian Communist Party, in the development of industry and agriculture, in the flourishing of science and culture, in raising its welfare are a brilliant confirmation of Marxism-Leninism; they once again testify that only a people that is free and full master of its destinies can successfully build socialism and communism.

Concomitantly with the attention paid to the progress of the productive forces, our Party is ceaselessly concerned with perfecting the new relations of production, with governing and organizing the whole social life, with steadily strengthening its leading role. Setting out from the fact that socialism and democracy are inseparable, from the need of harmoniously intertwining central government with the broadening of the attributes of the local bodies and economic units, with the masses' initiative, our Party and State ensures the steadily broader attraction of the working people to running the State, a full manifestation of the creative energies of the whole people.

The anniversary of the birth centenary of Lenin is taking place in the conditions of the powerful advancement of the forces of socialism, progress and peace in the whole world. Socialism, that has triumphed - by the peoples struggle - in 14 states, exercises a decisive influence on the development of the contemporary society.

The communist and working-class movement asserts itself as the most powerful political force of our days. Further and further peoples, liberating themselves from the colonial fetters, embark in the revolutionary struggle against imperialism, for a future of liberty, prosperity and peace.

These ample revolutionary processes, characteristic of our epoch, are unfolding in a great diversity of social and economic conditions, of historical and national particularities, which inevitably generate a growing variety of forms and methods of transformation of society. The Romanian Communist Party is permanently preoccupied with generalising the practice of socialist construction in our country, studying at the same time the experience of the Soviet Union, of the other socialist countries, the progress of human knowledge in the world, creatively applying them to the conditions in Romania.

The guarantee for the success of the struggle of the communist and workers' parties, of devotedly serving the interests of the working class, of the people, is the capacity of applying the general laws and principles of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of their countries, taking into account the truth that in the socialist revolution and construction - as in any objective process - the general and the particular form a dialectical unity, an inseparable whole.

The evolution of the contemporary world shows that the harmonious blending of the national interests with the international ones is a decisive condition for the successful unfolding of the revolutionary struggle of the communist and workers' parties, of the work of building socialism and communism.

The Romanian Communist Party and the Government of our country consistently centre their foreign policy on the friendship, collaboration and fraternal alliance with all

the socialist countries. The fundamental meaning of the expansion and perfection of the relations between the socialist countries is the strengthening of each national economy, the flourishing of each country, of each socialist nation and at the same time the growth of the might of the world socialist system.

At the same time, our country develops broad relations with all the countries regardless of social and political system. Romania founds her relations with all the states on the principles of the observance of national independence and sovereignty, equality, the right of each people to decide its own destinies, non-interference in internal affairs and mutual advantage - principles that enjoy ever broader international recognition.

Romania consistently acts for the peaceful settlement of the outstanding international issues, the achievement of security in Europe, the implementation of general disarmament, especially of nuclear disarmament, the extinguishing of hotbeds of conflicts and tension in the world, the establishment of a climate of understanding and collaboration among peoples.

Romania consistently speaks up for the cessation of the war in Vietnam, for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops and for ensuring the right of the Vietnamese people to decide its own destinies; likewise, our country speaks up for the settlement, on political, peaceful bases of the conflict in the Near East, in the spirit of the 1967 Resolution of the Security Council.

The Communist Party and our people manifest their deep solidarity with the struggle of the peoples against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

Assessing that what unites the communist parties is stronger and over and above the divergencies between them, our Party promotes relations of cooperation with all

the fraternal parties. We must never forget Lenin's words that "the divergencies between the communists are different of the divergencies with the enemies". It is in this spirit that we consider that the existing difficulties of today in the communist and working-class movement are temporary, that they can and must be overcome by the steady efforts of all the parties, unfolded in an atmosphere of principledness and mutual esteem by the strict observance of the norms and principles of relations between fraternal parties, on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

On the birth centenary of Lenin, we consider that the loftiest homage we can pay to his memory is to intensify our efforts for the multilateral development of the homeland, for the flourishing of our socialist nation, for enhancing the contribution of the Romanian Communist Party and of the Socialist Republic of Romania to increasing the might of the world socialist system, of the communist movement, of all the anti-imperialist forces in the struggle for liberty, democracy, socialism and peace.

Long live the friendship between the Romanian people and the peoples of the Soviet Union, between our countries and Parties !

Long live the unity of the socialist countries, of the international communist and working-class movement, under the all-conquering banner of Marxism-Leninism !

Long live the struggle for progress and peace in the world !

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