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STATEMENT ON THE EARTHQUAKE IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

Early on February 6th, 2023, the Republic of Türkiye and the Syrian Arab Republic were devastated by a magnitude 7.8 earthquake and numerous aftershocks, including a magnitude 7.5 earthquake. The earthquakes have already claimed over 3,000 lives and injured over 10,000 more. The hardest hit areas include the southern Turkish city of Gaziantep, the epicenter of the earthquake and home to a large population of Syrian refugees.

The Party of Communists USA sends our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones in this horrific earthquake. We send our solidarity and stand with the people of Türkiye and Syria to help in any way that we can.

PCUSA condemns Western imperialist powers whose sanctions have crippled many parts of the Syrian economy and put a stranglehold on the Syrian population. The United States of America and the State of Israel continue their illegal aggression and attacks on the Syrian Arab Republic.

We must stand with the people of Türkiye and Syria, putting the needs of the people above the needs of profit and the war machine. The Party of Communists USA requests that all its cadre and supporters contribute in any way that they can to help in the relief efforts.

In Solidarity,

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