

RESOLUTION OF THE CONGRESS

“New times, new tools. Not a step back! Forward towards a free country”



1. The current independence movement, which has emerged with solid foundations is based on materialistic and dialectical analysis as well as a sound analysis of the national question, and it was the only significant political force opposing the mere transition from the Francoist state to the Spanish Kingdom of autonomous communities. This process which is known as 'The betrayal by the leaders' kept the privileges of the oligarchies and also the apparatus of national and class oppression. The revolutionary movement for independence was forced into a strategy of resistance and accumulation of forces. It was able to develop a grass-roots movement supporting a democratic rupture, that had not been possible in the decades of the 70's and 80's in the last century, by offering a socialist alternative for independence as opposed to the new Bourbon regime.
2. We now find ourselves facing a new stage, with ever increasing capitalist attacks against social and workers rights, as well as an anti-Catalan cultural cleansing by the ruling class of the French Republic and the Spanish Kingdom. This has engendered the growth of the political consciousness of our people. So much so, that the thesis of independence and transformation are becoming hegemonic in society. The devolution path is dead for millions of Catalans . The construction of a future of social justice with full liberties requires the attainment of self-determination and independence.
3. Over the last few years, the various struggles in defence of social and workers rights and against the lack of real democracy have come together with the independence struggle and the rights of all the Catalan peoples to self-determination, in a wider grass-roots movement. The independence movement has an enormous capacity for globalizing and transforming people's expectations. The act of massive civil disobedience of the 9th of November should be a point of no return for the Catalan people, vis-a-vis submission to any claimed Spanish legality and the apparatus of occupation.
4. However, neither the Catalan nor the Spanish oligarchy, nor the defendants of the status quo and the continued domination of the Catalan people by the Spanish and French states, will facilitate our progress. The independence movement will have to face various manoeuvres, ranging from a pact between oligarchies under the guise of constitutional reform and federalism, to a myriad of populist and unionist

movements aimed at delaying any democratic rupture and denying the democratic rights of the Catalan people, as well as other forms of coercion and repression.

5. Facing this situation the independent left must have a clear objective and type of political organization needed to meet the desires and needs of our people, the working class – the establishment of the Socialist Republic of the Catalan Countries. A republic based on radical democratic principals, overcoming injustices and inequalities and encompassing the whole Catalan nation in a federation of the historic territories.
6. The construction of the Republic will not be lineal nor geographically homogeneous but will depend on the capacity to organize and mobilize in each territory as well as the relationship of forces in the relevant political and class conflicts.
7. As the independent left has done for more than the last 25 years, we continue to believe that in order to achieve political hegemony, it is necessary to form a United Front which comprises all the social movements engaged in a common struggle of transformation. One which seeks, here and now, for the transformation of the economic system and fights for the policies of distribution, equality and social justice.
8. However we are fully aware that the fulfilment of such a program of transformation is impossible without the rupture with the occupying states and that that rupture is developing at a different pace throughout the national territory. So, whereas in the Valencian country, the Balearic islands and northern Catalonia (in the French state) the priority is to promulgate the right of self-determination, making it central to the political debate as well as the attainment of areas of sovereignty. In Catalonia the priority is the construction of an independent Catalan republic in which its people lay the foundations of a just, free and caring society.
9. In this new context and facing these challenges we need three things; ideological determination, strategic coordination and the ability to develop tactical proposals suited to every situation. Therefore, we have to go from a strategy of resistance to a strategy for victory, from the defensive to the attack, from the preservation of national consciousness to the achievement of hegemony. To achieve this we need new structures.
10. One such structure, is the kind of strategic organisation that incorporates the experience of its predecessors, as well as bringing together other militant traditions and offering a home to the many people who have moved towards a belief in independence from a marxist perspective. An organisation able to respond to the current needs of the Catalan people. One centred on the current challenges and able to expand the necessary ideological and strategic principles: the construction of socialism, the independence of the Catalan countries and overcome the patriarchal system .
11. This organisation, however, must surmount the limitations and shortcomings which the independence movement has occasionally suffered from. The militancy needs to be politically trained and to undertake specific tasks within the wider movement in both sectoral and mass organisations. Acting in a positive manner, without sectarianism or childishness, maintaining coherence and honesty while active in various areas of political and social life, in order to promote the policies of the Independent Left.
12. Aware of the magnitude of the challenge that our people face, we commit ourselves to create this new structure for coordination and strategic strengthening, building on previously achieved improvements. The new structure must be able to fulfil basic tasks such as the ideological fight, revitalisation of working-class social struggles

and the grass-roots independence movement , to reinvigorate and develop the people's unity as well as the development of the necessary organisations and conditions for the democratic cessation and construction of the Catalan Republic.

13. Therefore, over the next few months, we shall take this proposal to people and groups all over the territory, from different militant struggles, active in various spheres but sharing the goal of building socialism in independent Catalan countries and free from patriarchal domination.

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Independence, Socialism, Catalan Countries

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