

movement. Maoism in alliance with international reaction also seeks to disrupt the unity of the Communist movement. The content of Maoist ideology is alien to Marxism-Leninism.

The disruptive policy of the Maoists which is contrary to the fundamental interests of the peoples finds its clear expression in the subversive activities aimed at dividing and splitting national liberation movements, in the growing support given to the reactionary forces in Angola, Western Sahara, Zaire and Chile, in the support given to the policy of military confrontation pursued by the leaders of Kampuchea against socialist reunified Vietnam, in the attempts aimed at undermining the efforts of progressive and peace-loving forces in the world which favour disarmament. After failing in their attempts to woo the most consistent revolutionary forces in Africa the Maoists are now developing the closest links with the reactionary regimes and counter-revolutionary forces of the continent.

It is evident that certain ruling circles and social strata who fail to consistently implement the tasks of the National democratic revolution, and who retreat from previously declared positions, use the Maoist arsenal of theoretical arguments and demagoguery to justify their drift from the anti-imperialist front, and to disassociate themselves from the alliance with the Soviet Union and other countries of the Socialist Community.

Although suffering serious reverses in Africa, Maoism still poses a potential political and ideological danger. It is therefore the patriotic duty of all revolutionary and democratic forces in our continent to firmly reject the Maoist policy of undermining the fight for national independence, peace, democracy and socialism.

Recently there have been regional conferences of communist parties of countries of the Arab East, Latin America and Europe, which helped to strengthen the unity of the international working class and the world Communist movement.

This first meeting of the Communist parties of Tropical and Southern Africa is of great historical significance both for the world Communist movement and for the struggle for national and social liberation of our continent. We feel that the Communists and revolutionary democrats should hold joint forums, on a bilateral and multilateral basis, which would facilitate the further consolidation

of the unity of the anti-imperialist front of the Communist and revolutionary democrats, as the vanguard of all socialist, revolutionary and democratic forces.

The African Communists solemnly declare that they are part and parcel of the international working class, Communist and national liberation movements, that they are sincere friends of the Soviet Union and all other socialist countries, of all socialist-oriented states, that they have been and will always remain active fighters for a lasting and unbreakable alliance of the liberation movement of Africa with the socialist world, the international working class, Communist and national liberation movements in all continents, that they have been and always will be consistent internationalists and devoted patriots of their peoples and countries.

