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XXII. Assembly WPC, Ha Noi/Viet Nam November 21-26, 2022 "We strengthen the Anti-imperialist Struggle and Solidarity for a World of Peace and Social Justice"

INVITATION for the WPC Assembly and Ha Noi Peace Conference in Viet Nam

Dear Comrades and Friends

Six years have passed since the successful holding of the last XXII. WPC Assembly in Sao Luis/ Brazil in November 2016. The WPC has grown stronger these years despite the multiple difficulties our peoples have faced in confronting the imperialist aggressiveness, the capitalist economic crisis and the global health pandemic.

The WPC has multiplied its activities worldwide and salutes the growing peoples' struggles against the imperialist threats, wars and aggressions for the sake of the profits of the multinational corporations and big capital.

It is with pleasure to invite your Organization to send a delegation to attend the coming XXII. WPC Assembly and the Ha Noi Peace Conference- against Imperialism, which will be held in the capital of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Ha Noi from **November 21-26, 2022**. Our host will be the Vietnam Peace Committee (VPC) which has a rich experience of organizing international events and will guarantee all necessary facilities and arrangements for the success of the Assembly.

We are looking forward meeting in Ha Noi old and new friends from all corners of the world under the slogan of our Assembly: "We strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle and solidarity, for a world of peace and social justice!"

You will find attached the necessary technical information regarding the Assembly and Conference.

In case of Viet Nam VISA, it can be obtained whether at the Embassies/Consulates of Vietnam abroad, or it can be arranged upon arrival in a number of cases of countries. Please send us the data of the delegates in order to obtain personalized invitations from the host organization VPC.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation to the WPC (wpc@otenet.gr) and VPC (vietpeacecom@gmail.com) as early as possible and not later than 20th September 2022. See you all in Ha Noi in November 2022!

Comradely yours

Athens, 30th July 2022

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Technical Information on WPC Assembly & Ha Noi Peace Conference

The Tentative Program

The Assembly of World Peace Council is the highest body of the WPC and a world forum of peace leaders and campaigners fighting against imperialism, war and exploitation. This is a forum where world's fighters for peace and their organisations will discuss, share and come up with resolutions and actions' plan for future to achieve sustainable peace and just society. The Assembly will be preceded by the outgoing Executive Committee on 21st November.

On <u>22nd November 2022</u> all participants will take part in the activities organized by the VPC dedicated to Viet Nam which includes various visits and events.

The <u>WPC Assembly</u> will be held on 23rd and 24th November and the broad "Ha Noi Peace Conference", with the theme: Confronting Imperialism's war machine-The Global Struggle for Peace, Social Justice, National Sovereignty and the Environment, on 25th November, 2022. On 21st November the outgoing Executive Committee will hold its last meeting in preparation of the Assembly.

The VPC plans to kindly invite all delegates to a one-day visit, on <u>26th November, to the World Heritage Site Ha Long Bay.</u> The expenses will be covered by the host.

The whole program is organized by the World Peace Council (www.wpc-in.org) and hosted by the Vietnam Peace Committee VPC (www.vietnampeace.org). Very soon you shall receive a detailed tentative program of the events.

Dates-Arrivals-Departures

- The Members of the outgoing Executive Committee shall arrive on 20th November for the EC meeting scheduled for 21st November and stay till 27th November (7 nights)
- All other delegates shall arrive on 21st November and stay till 27th November (6 nights)
- VPC will guarantee and assume the hospitality (Hotel, Food, local transport), for two (2) delegates for each member and/or invited organization. For delegations with more than two persons additional expenses have to be covered by the delegates.
- Delegates to the Assembly are expected to arrive in Hanoi on 21st November (with exception of the EC members) and to depart on 27th November. The Participants arriving prior and leaving after the mentioned dates will be requested to cover their additional expenses by themselves since the host and organizer will not be liable to that.
- Exact Information on the venue of the events and the hotel accommodation will follow later

Registration Process

All interested delegates and participants are requested to prior register through e-mail in reference with their National Peace Council or Committee to the WPC and to VPC.

A symbolical registration fee of € 100.00 Euro (One hundred Euros) to the WPC will be charged for each participant as contribution to the preparatory expenses of the WPC.

Delegates are required to fill up registration form upon the arrival.

Cost of stay for additional days and/or additional delegates

For the additional expenses of stay prior to 20th November (EC members) or 21st November (Assembly delegates and guests) and for more than two delegates per Organisation, the VPC will inform very soon in separate mail.

Arrangements for Participants

Organizers will arrange the following services for participants and delegates for participants:

- Simultaneous Translation facilities during the program in Vietnamese, English, Spanish, Arabic (to be confirmed).
- Airport pick up facility (Requires confirmed flight schedule with arrival time and date at least 2 weeks prior).
- Accommodation (from 20th November for the EC or 21st November for the Assembly), Breakfast, lunch and dinner for participants till 27th November morning
- Local transport within the framework of the event.
- Stationeries and materials including copies of papers presented during the assembly.
- Generally delegates will be accommodated in a double/twin bed room. For special requests
 of Single room occupancy, additional expenses have to be met by delegates
- There will be a reception desk at the airport to receive the delegates.

Flight Connections to Ha Noi

The Noi Bai International Airport of Ha Noi (airport code HAN) is the biggest airport in the northern part of Viet Nam, located in Ha Noi-the capital of Viet Nam, reachable from many parts of the world and also through connection flights from Europe, the Gulf, Turkey and many cities of Asia.

Money Exchange

The currency of Viet Nam is Vietnamese Dong (VND) with the average exchange rate of 1 USD= 23.000 VND. All participants are requested to change money at the Airport upon arrival, since the Hotel cannot change money. The alternative would be to search for Banks in the city.

Please start your travel arrangements as early as possible to achieve the best prices!

Visa Information and Immigration

In general participants, who require VISA for Viet Nam, have to apply at Viet Nam's Embassies/Consulates, after obtaining personalized invitations with the respective passport information.

Information about Viet Nam Visa:

Delegates can find information on visa procedures on the websites of the Embassies/Consulates of Viet Nam abroad. After receiving the data of delegates, the VPC will send request of issuing visa to the Embassies/Consulates of Viet Nam abroad or the Vietnamese Immigration Department (for delegates who will obtain visa upon arrival).

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