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## 7<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS



New  
**Communist Party**  
*of the Netherlands*

# Resolutions

Adopted at the 7th Congress of the NCPN  
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# **Party building: strengthening the political-ideological unity and organizational effectiveness of the party**

## **1. Inner-party education and ideological work**

- a. The CC will organize inner-party education courses that can be provided at the level of the branches, as well as education for cadres at the national level. Participation in the inner-party education at level of the branches will in principle be compulsory for all members of a branch.
- b. The party works on studying the issues raised by the Congress. The CC is responsible for developing these issues, for making the discussion collective and involving the CJB in the study of these issues.

## **2. Formation of a new party program**

Under leadership of the CC, a new party program will be collectively drawn up. The program will be adopted by the next regular Party Congress.

## **3. Strengthening of leading bodies and internal organisation**

- a. The functioning of the leading bodies is strengthened on the basis of democratic centralism and congress decisions.
- b. More members, who are developing the qualities for this, should take on a cadre position (e.g. in a the board of a branch, editorial board, international bureau, etc.). In the first instance in terms of absolute numbers, but as much as possible also relative to the total number of members.
- c. The party provides political leadership and supports the CJB, the revolutionary youth organization of the NCPN.

## **4. Building party branches**

- a. All party branches are activated and must adhere to the statutory obligation to meet regularly. The branches aim to develop activities that contribute to the implementation of the congress decisions. The CC supports and leads all chapters.
- b. The party branches ensure that all members are activated. Consistently attending branch meetings is a minimum membership requirement. Exceptions can be made for members for whom this is reasonably (temporarily) impossible, for example due to their health.
- c. Possibilities and methods to better involve sympathizers with the party will be examined.
- d. The party aims to increase the number of members. Particular attention should be paid to recruitment among workers in industry, transportation, logistics and other strategic sectors of the economy, workers in health and education, workers with practical training, as well as women and minorities from the working class.

## **5. Manifest and external communication**

- a. Efforts are made to form a collective editorial board of Manifest. On the basis of the congress decisions, the party is committed to strengthening Manifest, as the paper-published party newspaper of the NCPN. The cooperation between Manifest and Voorwaarts will be strengthened.
- b. The popularization of our views through multimedia is further developed.
- c. A party line will be developed concerning the use of social media by the NCPN, its branches and the individual members. This will be discussed and determined at a future conference.
- d. Branches are responsible for increasing the party's visibility in the public space. They are supported and guided in this by the CC.

## **6. International work**

- a. The party studies international developments and inter-imperialist contradictions. Special attention shall be paid to developments in the EU and their implications for the Dutch working class. The party also studies developments in the international communist movement.
- b. The Party shall continue its efforts to maintain and deepen bilateral and multilateral contacts with sister organisations, especially within Europe. The Party shall participate in the European

Communist Meeting (ECB), and to the best of our ability in the International Meetings of Communist and Worker's Parties (IMCWP).

- c. The party applies for membership of the European Communist Initiative.
- d. The party will endeavour to make international work more collective. Under the responsibility of the CC, the International Bureau (IB) shall produce articles and papers, or translate texts from sister organisations, which provide insight into international developments and inform about the NCPN's international activity. NCPN contributions to international meetings are published as much as possible.
- e. The party remains committed to assisting the CJB in its international work.

#### **7. Study of the history of socialist construction and the communist movement**

- a. The study of the history of socialist construction in the last century will be continued. The party's assessments of developments in the economy of the USSR and the causes of the counter-revolution will be further elaborated, discussed and submitted to a Conference. On this basis, steps will have to be taken in the study of developments in the superstructure.
- b. The party studies the history of the Dutch and international communist movement. Members and sympathisers are introduced to the history and lessons that can be learned through publications and events.
- c. The NCPN, together with the CJB, will extensively commemorate the NCPN's 30th anniversary in 2022, as well as the CJB's 20th anniversary and Manifest's 40th anniversary in 2023. These anniversaries will be celebrated with large public meetings.

### **Work of the party in the workers' movement and class struggle**

#### **8. Work in companies and unions**

- a. The party will develop - partly through the platform 'Company Work and Class Consciousness' - tools for workers to help them organise themselves with their colleagues. These tools will offer both theoretical depth and will also be practice-oriented.
- b. In the branches, structural attention will be paid to the work situation of all members and possibilities will be sought to activate members in company work. This can mean that members take the lead in conflicts between workers and management, involve their colleagues in the wider struggle of the labour movement – in the sector or nationally – but also simply engage in tenacious conversations with colleagues to increase their class consciousness and win them over to the NCPN or CJB.
- c. Within the union, the party is fighting to strengthen the class-oriented line, against the reformist line of class collaboration.
- d. Besides the development of struggles in the workplace, the party is committed to the development of class struggle in neighbourhoods. There the party supports initiatives in the framework of struggles for the living standards of the working class.

#### **9. International solidarity and proletarian internationalism**

- a. The party, together with the CJB, shall take initiatives for solidarity with peoples confronted with an imperialist blockade, occupation, war or other imperialist intervention. In particular, the party is committed to the lifting of the blockade of Cuba and more generally for solidarity with socialist Cuba.
- b. The party will work to lay the foundations for the development of an anti-imperialist peace movement.

#### **10. Fight against discrimination, reaction and fascism, for emancipation**

- a. The party works to strengthen the struggle against discrimination, against rising fascism, for emancipation of women and minorities. The party is fighting to strengthen the class-oriented line in emancipation movements and is committed to linking the class-oriented struggle for emancipation of disadvantaged groups with the workers' movement.

- b. The party, on the basis of dialectical materialism and with the close involvement of the CJB, continues the study of emancipation issues of discriminated and oppressed groups and elaborates its positions. In doing so, the party looks primarily at the special problems faced by women and various minorities and formulates demands that respond to the special needs of these groups. The NCPN also works to promote understanding of the pitfalls and harmful consequences of bourgeois and opportunistic views and currents in emancipation movements, which are combated within the movement through discussion and ideological struggle.
- c. The party works on the study of reactionary and fascist parties and on the elaboration of an anti-fascist strategy.
- d. The party supports, to the best of its ability, broad-based actions against discrimination, such as on the day against racism on 21 March, the actions for women's emancipation on 8 March and demonstrations for the elimination of violence against women on 25 November. In these, the party and the CJB bring their views and demands through pamphlets and background material.
- e. The party supports and organises anti-fascist commemorations, for instance concerning the February Strike and persons of the communist resistance, or the International Brigades. The party's support for the AFVN - Association of Antifascists, the Spain 1936-1939 Foundation and other antifascist organisations should become a collective affair of the party and the CJB.

#### **11. Combating environmental degradation**

- a. The party fights against damage to the environment and climate by the capitalist pursuit of profit, where the NCPN opposes any passing on of costs to the working class and other oppressed sections of the population.
- b. The NCPN will work on the further elaboration of its positions on environmental issues and the concretisation of these positions for the specific Dutch and local problems. In doing so, the NCPN looks in particular at capitalist relations of production and imperialism as the underlying causes of environmental and climatic degradation.
- c. The Party promotes the class-oriented, anti-imperialist line in the environmental movement and combats the influence of bourgeois, opportunistic and unscientific views. The Party, together with the CJB, actively brings its view and demands to the environmental movement by being present with its own pamphlets and background material at meetings, demonstrations and other actions.

