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**Message to the delegates of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Komala Party of Iranian Kurdistan**

Dear comrades and dear delegates,

For the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Komala Party of Iranian Kurdistan you will lead important discussions and take crucial decisions.

You conduct your Congress in times of a new authoritarianism and increasing right-wing populism. Precisely in these current times strong progressive forces to counter them are needed more urgently than ever. We need powerful parties and a strong alliance of the progressives for our social democratic message to the people.

Fostering peace not only in the Middle East, fighting terrorism, supporting women's and human rights, broadening democratic rule, promoting social and economic development - all remain striking issues. We stand for cooperation instead of confrontation, for mutual trust instead of isolation and for dialogue instead of muteness.

In this spirit I wish you fruitful discussions at party-congresses and I am looking forward to further cooperation within the Progressive Alliance now and in the future.

Greetings in solidarity

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