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His Excellency Mr Alexis Tsipras, the Prime Minister of Greece and Leader of Syriza Party

Honourable Members of Syriza Party

Distinguished Guests

Greetings to you all from the people of Rojava

On behalf of my party, the Democratic Union Party (PYD) and the Kurdish people in Rojava, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to participate in your 2nd Congress. It is a dignified gesture that will only reinforce the already strong relationship between our parties and between the Kurdish and Greek people.

On this occasion, I would like to draw your attention to the historical ties between the people of Greece and the peoples of Mesopotamia, which trace its roots back to the Hellenistic period - a period of unique cultural blending that we are still witnessing its effects to the present day for the benefit of humanity. We believe that the blending of cultures is absolutely imperative for human progress and welfare. Greece, in this regard, is in an exceptional position to play the role of a bridge between civilisations. Perhaps, it is the country most interested in and affected by the ongoing conflict in our region.

Dear friends,

Our region suffers from a bloody conflict, the ramifications of which could cause a third world war. Spheres of influence are being established and the geographical boundaries are redrawn, similar to the interwar period. The borders that were drawn after the First World War, and the governments that were installed after the Second World War, are no longer fit for purpose. They neither meet the needs of the global and regional hegemonic powers nor do they fulfil the aspirations of their people for democracy, freedom and equality in a path that we call it the "spring of peoples." Our country, Syria, is experiencing the bloodiest and most tragic conflict with unimaginable disastrous consequences. The human cost of this conflict is 300,000 civilian victims and the number of wounded exceeds a million, not to mention the 7 million refugees and displaced persons.

Amid these disputes, uncertainty and conflict in and over Syria, our party has been able to play a vanguard role in organising our society in Rojava both in civilian and military terms, based on the "democratic nation paradigm". One of the results was that we were able to liberate our areas from the tyrannical Syrian regime, starting in Kobani on 19