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Message of Greetings of the President of EEDYE, **STAVROS TASSOS**

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 40TH MARATHON PEACE MARCH

MARATHON TOMB, 22nd May 2022

Dear Friends and fellow peace fighters

We start the 40th Marathon Peace March, which this year coincides with the day that the vice president of EEDYE, Grigoris Lambrakis, suffered the murderous attack in Thessaloniki. We are protesting today, en masse, militantly to express the condemnation of the unjust, imperialist war in Ukraine and our country's involvement in it and in the American-NATO plans as a whole. In order not to trap any popular conscience in the vulgar Euro-Atlantic propaganda, which wants to align the people behind the imperialists' interests, who are responsible for thousands of dead and wounded.

We are protesting and pushing for the popular demand that all US-NATO bases be closed now, that any mission of military forces and ammunition abroad be stopped, to be canceled. No soldier, no officer should be sent to the imperialist missions.

With today's march and the escalation of our struggle, we honor in practice the memory of Lambrakis, Nikiforidis, the thousands of fighters of the anti-imperialist peace movement. All those who fought and are fighting against the USA, NATO, the then EEC, and today's EU. Against the attachment of Greece to these murderous tools of capital against the peoples, against the involvement of our country in the slaughterhouses, against the bases and nucleararms.

The US - NATO - EU on the one hand and Russia on the other are competing over who will have the upper hand in Ukraine 's wealth-producing resources and "with the blood of the peoples they draw the borders".

Opposite to them is the peoples, who live firsthand the horror of war, with the dead, the destruction, the refugees. They are the peoples who want real peace, because the imperialist peace at gunpoint prepares the next war, to progress and cooperate with each other on the basis of mutual benefit, in a society without exploitation of man by man. This is what the Ukrainian people want, this is what the Russian people want, this is what the Turkish people want, this is what the Greek people want, this is what all peoples want!

And this is what the peoples, the right side of history, will impose with their just struggle.

TO IMPERIALISM NO SUBMISSION, THE ONLY SUPER POWER IS THE PEOPLES