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The Left Platform replies to Alexis Tsipras

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This statement was made by the Left Platform on the announcement of the calling of snap elections in Greece and the resignation of Tsipras as prime minister on 19 August 2015.

With his speech announcing snap elections, Alexis Tsipras appeared with another face, completely and radically opposed to the hitherto commitments and struggles of SYRIZA.

The first and foremost promise Tsipras made was the compliance to the new third Memorandum of austerity and hard servitude for the country, a Memorandum which he agreed signing without asking the people or the members and cadres of SYRIZA.

The elections decided by Alexis Tsipras amount to a complete denial of the proud "NO" of the referendum. They are a gravestone of the struggles against the memorandum and anti-austerity expectations of the people. The goal of these express elections announced in the middle of the summer is to discard the anti-memorandum commitments SYRIZA but also to ask the Greek people to put a noose around their neck and to approve a new memorandum by voting in favour of Tsipras or for New Democracy or for PASOK or for To Potami, the parties constituting the new pro-austerity consensus.

Faithful to the commitments of SYRIZA, consistent with the "NO" of the Greek people, the Left Platform raises high the banner of the struggle for an alternative to the crisis, for the productive and progressive reconstruction of the country.

The Left Platform will contribute immediately to the creation of a broad, anti-memorandum, progressive, democratic front that will stand in the elections to fight for the cancellation of all Memoranda and for the writing-off of the major part of the debt. To defend the combative "NO" of the Greek people in the referendum of July 5. To end austerity in wages, pensions and social spending. To stop the selling-off of public property and of the assets of Greece. To orient the country on a new path of national independence, sovereignty, reconstruction and a new progressive course.

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