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No to the Russian-US plan to annex Ukraine!

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The axe fell last week: the US announced its final proposal to ‘resolve’ Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. If rejected, it will withdraw from negotiations — meaning it will stop military support to Ukraine.

Unsurprisingly, the proposal echoes Moscow’s views and war aims. These include: US recognition of Crimea; maintaining the occupied territories under Russian control (i.e. 18.5% of Ukraine); lifting the sanctions imposed on Russia since 2014; US management of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant to supply electricity to Ukrainians and Russians; and strengthening economic cooperation between the US and... Russia.

As for Ukraine, summoned to comply with imperialist dictates, it would be forced to accept a colonial deal for the exploitation of its minerals, while no source of funding for its reconstruction has been proposed and security guarantees have been left to the Europeans.’”

Pressure on Ukraine at its peak

Zelensky took offence at this peace proposal, which is nothing more than a major violation of international law and an incitement to invade “small” countries around the world. Ukraine, supported by the Europeans, made a counter-proposal, rejecting the demilitarization of the country and any territorial concessions prior to discussions, and asking for details on security guarantees in the event of further aggression: the easing of sanctions should come after a genuine peace agreement.

In response, Trump lashed out at Zelensky, stating in particular that he “can have peace or fight for three more years and lose the whole country”. With the bombing of homes and civilian facilities in Ukrainian cities continuing unabated since the start of the negotiation process, pressure on Ukraine is at its peak. Last Sunday, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that the withdrawal of the United States or the signing of an agreement would be finalized within the week.

The US withdrawal: what next?

While the signing of an agreement cannot be ruled out, it remains highly hypothetical. The Russian government’s lack of a clear position in the current situation suggests that it will continue to press its advantage by betting on a US military disengagement. On the Ukrainian side, everything will depend on its ability to continue to resist and therefore to rely on the support of European states that stand in solidarity with Ukraine.

If we want to avoid the worst-case scenario, namely Ukraine’s defeat and the strengthening of Russian neo-fascism, international solidarity must be stronger than ever.

For our part, together with our comrades on the ground and the Ukrainian resistance, we will continue to defend: “The withdrawal of Russian troops. No annexations. The freedom to determine our future without external pressure. The right of return. Negotiations under democratic control. These are not magic formulas. They will not materialise by

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themselves,” as Oleksandr Kyselov, member of Sotsialnyi Rukh in Ukraine, declared at the February 2025 congress of the Fourth International.

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