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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOSS OF COMRADE MANUEL TERRAZAS

The WPC announces to its members and friends, to the entire World Peace Movement the sad news of the loss of comrade Manuel Terrazas Guerrero, President of the Movement for Peace and Development (MOMPADE) of Mexico and longstanding member of the leadership of the World Peace Council.

Comrade Manuel Terrazas dedicated his whole life to the struggle of the Mexican people and the peoples of the world for freedom, peace and social justice without any personal benefit, always committed to the just causes.

Manuel Terrazas was a true and genuine patriot and internationalist. He participated as Young leader of the Mexican Communist Youth in the foundation of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) in London 1945 and later in the foundation of the International Union of Students (IUS) in Prague 1947. He served the Mexican Communist Party from the post of its Secretariat for 27 years and became Parliamentarian, University Professor, political fighter in the underground, a political campaigner and activist, a rich source of inspiration and guidance for younger generations. The revolutionary Manuel Terrazas never lost his class instinct, his love and dedication to the struggle for peace, against imperialist aggressions of any kind.

For his lifetime contribution to the revolutionary and peace loving movement worldwide the WPC honoured him during the last Executive Committee meeting in Damascus, Syria, when we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the WPC.

Manuel Terrazas contributed decisively together with other leaders of the WPC of his generation in the defence of the anti-imperialist character of the WPC after the year 1991. His active presence in the WPC meetings for decades, as Vice-President of the WPC marked he fellow comrades. It is very difficult to imagine the future WPC meetings without comrade Manuel.

In his 86 years he had the energy of an eternal young man, with the wisdom and modesty of an elder comrade.

We express our deepest condolences to his family and beloved, to the MOMPADE and the peace loving people of Mexico. The WPC lost one of its most precious sons, a bright example for the generations to come.

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