

Dear comrades!

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova I would like to welcome the delegates and guests of the Convention of Bloco de Esquerda! We wish you to have an efficient and successful debates, unity and new victories!

Today, when the inevitable crisis of capitalism which has been described and predicted by the founders of Marxism, went beyond the theory and is felt by millions of European citizens, the left-wing movement and especially activities of your Party get particular importance. Namely the left-wing parties possessing scientific knowledge about the society development laws and «armed» with solidarity are obliged to stand in the forefront of the people's struggle for the ideals of equity and progressive way of development. I am sure that namely the Bloco de Esquerda, which gets more and more support from the Portuguese citizens, will become the key country's political force. This force together with comrades from other countries will generate another Europe - honest, peaceful and stable one.

Dear comrades,

Communists from the Republic of Moldova remain faithful to our common ideals and principles. I express confidence in further development and strengthening of our inter-party relations as well as in the continuation of our common activities within the Party of the European Left.

With communist greetings,

Vladimir Voronin,

**Chairman of the Party
of Communists of the Republic of Moldova,
Third President of the Republic of Moldova**