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Dear Compañeros/as:

As you probably know, there has been a division in our organization, the first in the more than 10 years of our existence. There were many factors involved in the division and many political issues underlying it, but unfortunately these issues were not clearly articulated when the division took place. In particular, no differences with our political line were articulated.

Any division in an organization is a difficult situation for the people involved to undergo. But the lack of political clarity in our situation made it even more difficult for all concerned: ourselves; those no longer in MINP; our periphery, friends and contacts; and for forces in the progressive and revolutionary movements as well.

To minimize the damage of this division and to make the situation as productive as possible for MINP-El Comité's continued growth and development, we have been involved in a process of analysis and evaluation: what led to the division and what were the issues underlying it. Through this process of discussion we have recognized that there are larger political and theoretical questions that we have to address besides the question of the division itself. These have to do with how a Marxist-Leninist organization effectively combines involvement in reform struggles with the task of deepening the class consciousness of the working class. Thus our process of analysis and evaluation is not over.

However, we have developed a statement which gives our assessment of the events leading to the division, restates the major aspects of our political line and discusses some of the key theoretical issues and questions our organization must address in the next period.

Besides clarifying our views, we hope our statement can in some way serve as a learning experience for your organization.

We welcome opportunities to discuss our statement with you or, if that is not possible, to receive your comments and criticisms.

In struggle,

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