



REVOLUTIONARY ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT

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All RAIM members must strive to advance revolution and the cause of the oppressed and exploited to the best of their ability. This is the most basic and fundamental requirement. Other requirements, in service to the main requirement, are as follows:

### *RAIM members must:*

- 1 Work to unite all who can be united around the cause of revolution while isolating the enemy: capitalism-imperialism and its embodied ruling class
- 2 Strive to unite revolutionary forces nationally and internationally (without falling into opportunism)
- 3 Obey orders from the relevant leadership (whether this be the leadership of the local RAIM cell or the leadership of RAIM itself)
- 4 Create and maintain a safe organisation, maintaining no tolerance for internal violence or chauvinism

### *RAIM members must not:*

- 1 Exploit or oppress any RAIM member, or harm RAIM or any RAIM member in any way
- 2 Display chauvinistic attitudes, or in any other manner cause harm to the well-being of the revolutionary movement and its potential to inspire the masses toward revolutionary organising and action

Although it is impossible to escape oppression entirely within the context of the capitalist system, for organizational purposes we understand oppressive, exploitative, or harmful behavior as that which exacerbates oppressive dynamics, rather than mitigating these dynamics. We understand our code of conduct as having been violated to the extent that oppressive, exploitative, or harmful behavior significantly disrupts political activity, for example: through marginalizing members or eroding trust in the organization.

Additionally, since we do not possess any real or reliable means of reformation or remolding violent chauvinists, members who pose a direct threat to other RAIM members or oppressed people in general MUST face immediate expulsion without exception.

RAIM members should:

- 1 Try to advance their political understanding in service to revolution
- 2 Try to advance their own skills and capabilities in service to revolution
- 3 Try to advance the position of RAIM in service to revolution
- 4 Conduct themselves in a manner worthy of emulation and respect by revolutionary forces and the masses
- 5 Maintain unity in the presentation of RAIM's political line
- 6 Challenge manifestations of liberalism within and without the revolutionary movement

RAIM members should not:

- 1 Use criticism and self-criticism in a manner that:
  - A Divides, not unites RAIM and the revolutionary movement;
  - B Hides, not identifies, their own shortcomings;
  - C Is on a personal, not political, level
- 2 Display arrogance, negativism, individualism, or adventurism
- 3 Lend credibility to chauvinism through either words or deeds via engaging in uncritical political organising with its proponents

RAIM members are not superhuman, and are subject to the same class society socialisation everyone else is. Errors are inevitable, no matter how revolutionary the person. When errors occur, RAIM members should make criticism or respond to criticism in a comradely manner. We're all here to learn from each other, and treating ourselves as the enemy is counterproductive.