

ATTACHMENT TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 10

STATEMENT BY KENT

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While I support the Santiago statement of the international Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency I have not put my name to it.

The reason is as follows:

Shortly before the Santiago conference and the formulation of its appeal to all Trotskyists, the United Tendency of the LSA/LSO was formed in Canada. I am a supporter of the United Tendency.

This tendency endorsed the previous appeal issued over the names of some of the leading comrades behind the new Santiago appeal, making it point one in its declaration. Point two of the United Tendency's declaration expresses a position on nationalism in Canada. This position is now a matter of debate in the Canadian section's pre-convention discussion.

The Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency might feel it necessary or desirable to take a position on point two of the United Tendency's platform. However if it did want to do so, it is not practically possible because the discussion is still unfolding in the Canadian movement and the documentation would not be available for the widely spread Leninist-Trotskyist supporters for some considerable time.

In order not to put this strain on the Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency and not divert it from its major task I have decided not to append my name to its appeal.

s/Kent