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JOINT STATEMENT

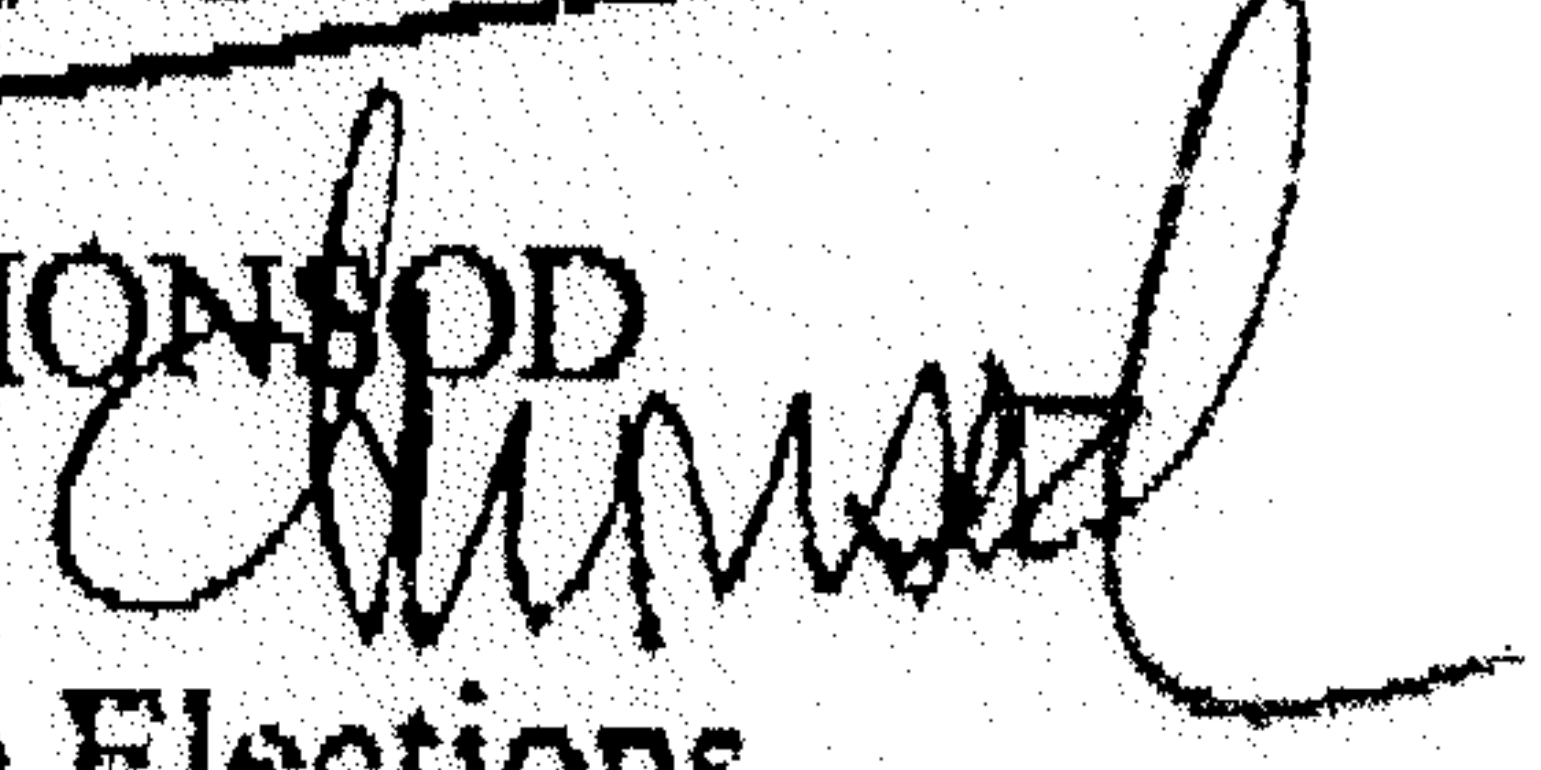
As representatives of pro-democracy movements in Asia, whether in power or in opposition, the signatories of this joint statement want to

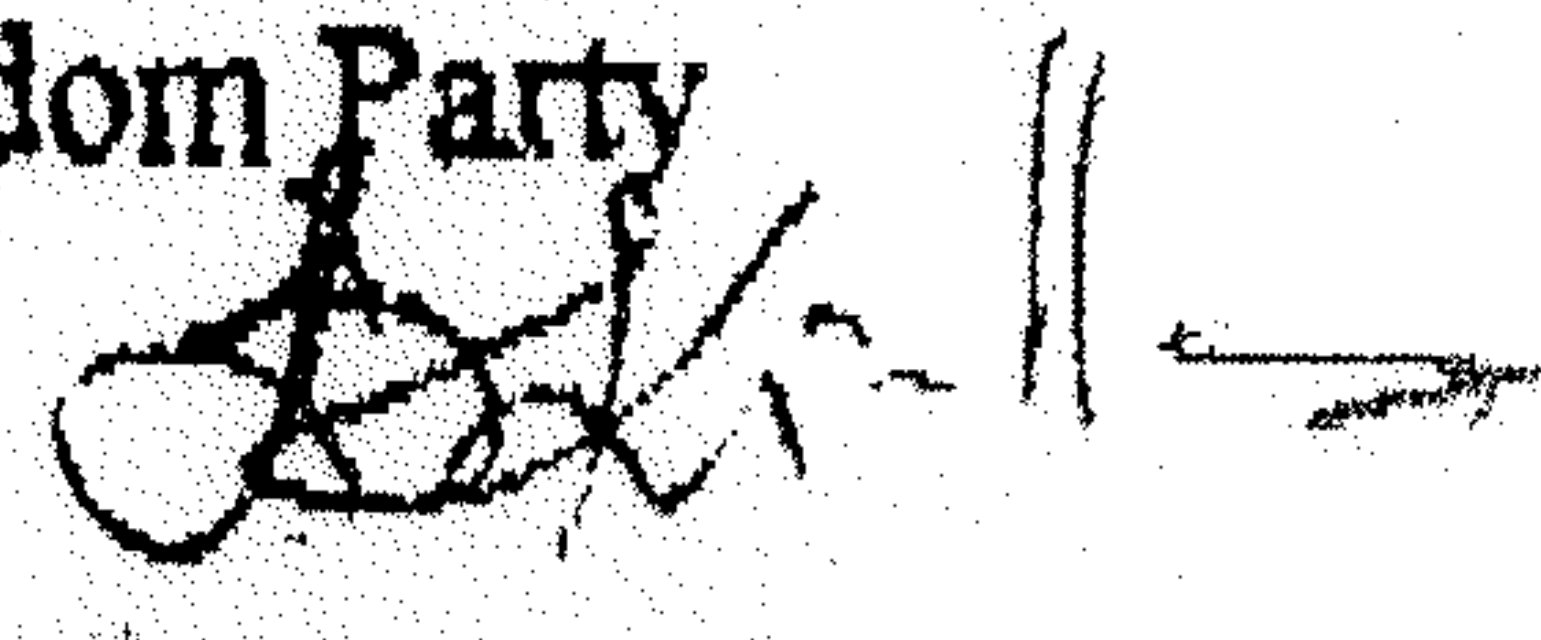
1- reaffirm their belief in and commitment to universal values and principles, namely democracy and human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other relevant international legal instruments,

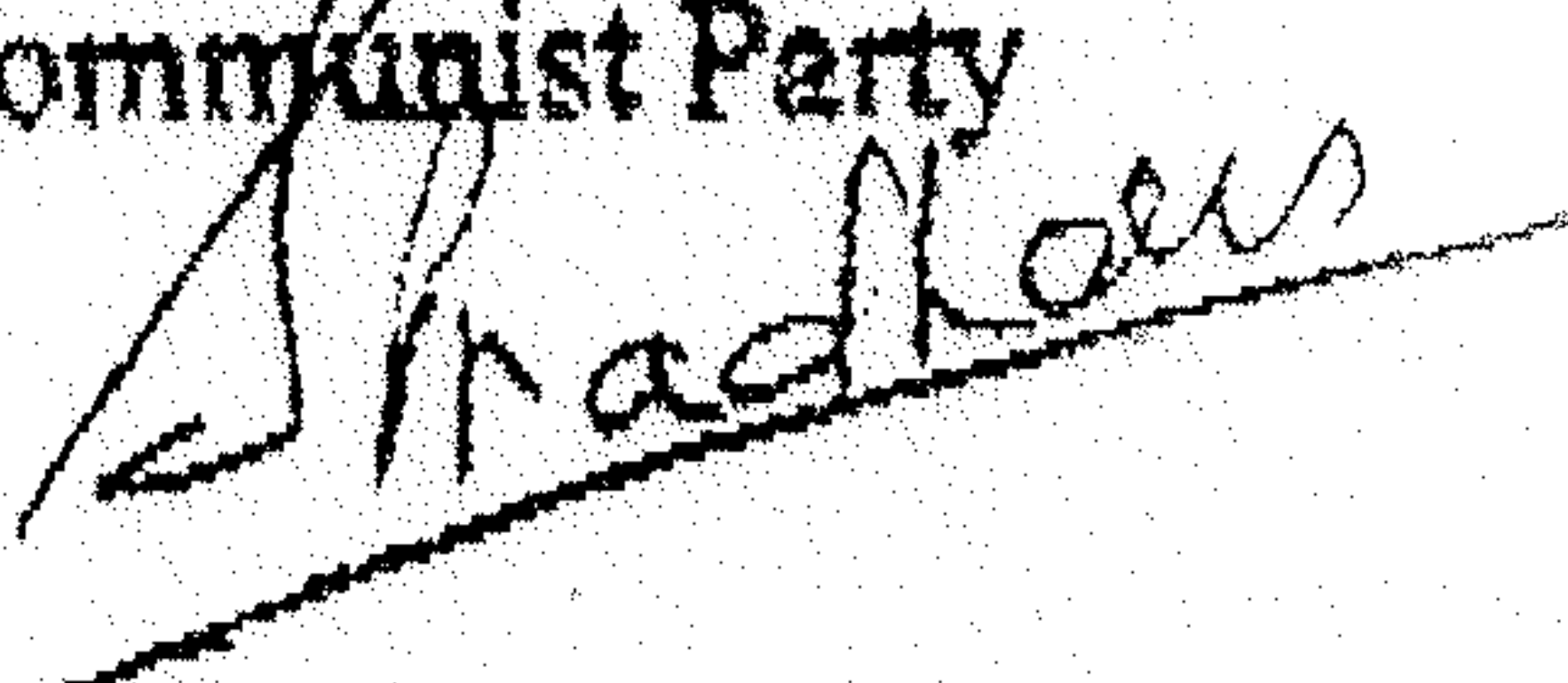
2- express their active solidarity with all pro-democracy forces in the world in general and in Asia in particular with the intention to set up an alliance between those forces committed to the same ideals and often oppressed by authoritarian régimes which ignore and violate the will of the people,


3- appeal to all democratic and liberal political parties in every country in Asia to work together and help each other to defend and promote democracy and human rights on this continent through non-violent and legal means.


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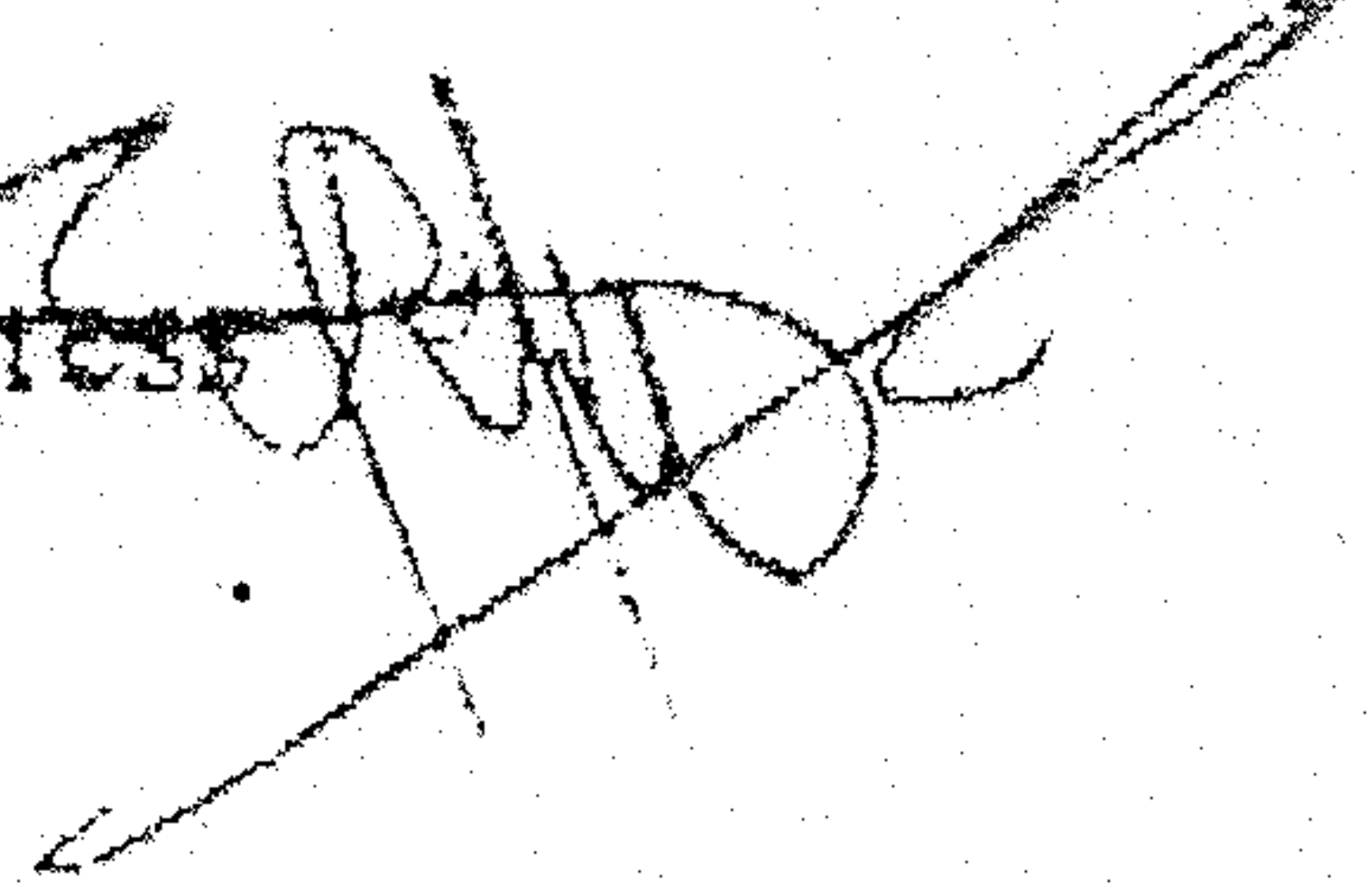
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