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Please find below text of letter of invitation sent by the PES President, Rudolf Scharping, to your leader today.

## Quote

I have great pleasure in inviting you to a PES Leaders' Meeting to be held on the eve of the European Conference in London. For the first time, the leaders of the PES' 21 member parties will meet with not only the leaders of our observer parties from Central and Eastern Europe, but with the leaders of Socialist International member parties from Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Romania and Bulgaria as well. The agenda for the meeting will be the European Conference and the process of EU Enlargement.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 March, from 6pm - 9.30pm. It will open with a reception hosted by the British Prime Minister and Labour Party leader, Tony Blair. The meeting will take place at:

## The St James' Court Hotel Buckingham Gate London SW1E 6AF

(Tel 171-8346655/Fax 171-6307587)

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation at the meeting with Ludivine Weech at the PES Secretariat at the address below as soon as possible. For those of you requiring hotel accommodation, a number of rooms have been booked in the hotel and you can reserve them through Ludivine Weech.

I look forward to being able to meet you in London. Unquote

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