Fourth Congress of the PES Milan, 1 and 2 March 1999

Draft Programme

Saturday, 27 February

Arrival of participants

Sunday, 28 February

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Evening

PES Working Group "Texts"

Monday, 1st March

8.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. Bus from the hotels to the Congress

PES Bureau meeting

10.00-11.00 a.m.

Opening plenary session:

Rudolf Scharping, Leader of the PES

Pauline Green, Leader of the Parliamentary Group of the PES

Walter Veltroni, Leader of DS Italy Enrico Boselli, Leader of SDI Italy

11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

Forums:

1. A Europe of Jobs and Growth (plenary)

2. European Social Democracy in the 21st century (meeting

room)

1.00-3.00 p.m.

Lunch of PES Party Leaders (full member parties only)

(Marriott hotel)

2.30-4.30 p.m.

Forums:

1. A Europe that puts citizens first (security - justice) (plenary)

2. Solidarity and Enlargement in a strong Europe (meeting

room)

5.00-6.00 p.m.

Plenary:

Speech by Robin Cook, President of the PES "Manifesto"

Working Group

Adoption of the PES Manifesto - vote by delegation

6.00 p.m.

Official Signing of the PES Manifesto

6.30 p.m.

Buses from congress centre to hotels

7.30 p.m. Buses from hotels to "La Scala"
8.30 p.m. Concert at "La Scala"
10.00 p.m. Reception - Palazzo Marino - (next to the "Scala")
11.30 p.m. - 12.00 Buses from Reception to hotels

Tuesday, 2nd March

8.00 a.m. Breakfast of PES Leaders (full member parties only) (Marriott hotel)

8.00 a.m. Buses from hotels to congress centre

9.30-10.30 a.m. Plenary:
Speeches by different party leaders

Forums:

1. A European Union that works better (plenary)

2. Winning the European Elections (meeting room)

1.00-3.00 p.m. Lunch of PES Leadership from PES member, associated and

observer parties (Marriott hotel)

3.00-3.30 p.m. Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the PES

Announcement of the results

3.30-5.30 p.m. Plenary - closing session:

Speeches by different party leaders:

Milos Zeman, Leader of the Czech Social Democratic Party

Ruth Dreifuss, Federal President of Switzerland

John Hume, Leader of SDLP and Nobel Peace Prize Winner

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Massimo D'Alema, Prime Minister of Italy

Closing speech by the newly elected PES President

5.30 p.m. Press Conference

Wednesday, 3rd March and Thursday, 4th March

Meeting of the PES Parliamentary Group