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Att: International Secretary

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALOslo, Norway, 18-19 May 1998

Dear Comrade,

As agreed at its last meeting, the Council of the Socialist International will convene in Oslo, Norway, on 18-19 May 1998, hosted by the Norwegian Labour Party, DNA.

I am pleased to send you herewith the provisional agenda and programme, and the technical information for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing your party's representatives in Oslo.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luis Ayala".

Luis Ayala
Secretary General

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Speech by Thorbjørn Jagland, Leader of the Norwegian Labour Party
- 1.2 Speech by Pierre Mauroy, President of the Socialist International
- 1.3 Adoption of Agenda

2. MAIN THEME Global Solidarity

- Strengthening democracy and defending human rights
- Furthering humanitarian action and promoting initiatives for peace
- Combatting poverty and investing in people

3. OTHER POLITICAL MATTERS

- 3.1 The situation in the Middle East:
Report of the SI Middle East Committee
- 3.2 The second Socialist International Conference of Mayors:
Report of the SI Local Authorities Committee
- 3.3 Report of the SI Peace, Security and Disarmament Committee

- 3.4 Report of the SI Mediterranean Committee
 - 3.5 Report of the SI Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean
 - 3.6 Report of the SI Central and Eastern Europe Committee
 - 3.7 Report of the SI Africa Committee

 - 4. **ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS**
 - 4.1 Report of the Chair of the SI Finance and Administration Committee
 - 4.2 Report of the Secretary General

 - 5. **DATE, VENUE AND MAIN THEME OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

 - 6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 - 7. **CLOSURE**
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 17 May

19.30 - 22.30 hrs

Meeting and working dinner of the members
of the Presidium

Monday, 18 May

10.00 - 13.00 hrs

Opening and first session

Lunch

15.00 - 18.30 hrs

Second session

20.00 hrs

Reception at the City Hall

Tuesday, 19 May

09.30 - 13.00 hrs

Third and final session

14.00 hrs

Press conference

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Venue: Radisson SAS Plaza Hotel Oslo
Sonja Henies Pl. 3
N-0134 Oslo, Norway

Tel:
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Accommodation: Radisson SAS Plaza Hotel Oslo (see above)

Room rates:

Single occupancy: NOK 850 standard
NOK 1,000 business

Double occupancy: additional charge of NOK 200

Prices include tax and buffet breakfast. (This is a reduced rate for SI delegates. Please note that to qualify for these rates reservations must be made through the SI secretariat).

All payments to be made directly to the hotel.

Please note that the hotel has requested details of a credit card to guarantee the reservation(s) for your delegate(s). We suggest that the credit card details of one delegate are used to guarantee the accommodation of your whole delegation. Please be advised that if your delegate(s) does(do) not make use of the reservation(s), the cost of the first night of each room will be charged by the hotel to the credit card supplied.

Please send the name(s), arrival and departure details and hotel requirements of your party's/organisation's representative(s) and the credit card details (name of cardholder, number, expiry date) by 27 April 1998 to:

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Arrival: Arrangements are being made locally to meet delegates upon arrival at the airport.

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.

Enquiries: Please address all enquiries to the secretariat of the Socialist International. Telephone: telefax or e-mail as above.

