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Dear

The Parliamentary Group of the Party of European Socialists in the European Parliament is organizing a public seminar on the security and defence policy of the EU on 29<sup>th</sup> March in Brussels. On this occasion, we will present a strategic paper of the Group entitled "New dimensions of security". This paper is the result of the activities of our security working group.

Over the last few weeks, we had collaborated with the Party of the European Socialists and Rudolf Scharping himself in order to discuss and finalize the paper. During the extraordinary Bureau meeting of the PES, held in Brussels on 11<sup>th</sup> January, the draft of the paper was discussed in the presence of some Socialist Ministers of Defence of the EU Member States. It is our aim that this document become an important contribution to the Berlin Congress of the Party.

It is my pleasure to invite your Party to be represented at this seminar. Other participants will include political and institutional representatives of security and defence policy of the EU.

Within the next few days, we will be sending out the paper and the programme of the seminar.

In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your favourable reply, and remain,

Yours faithfully,

Enrique Baron Crespo

cc. International Secretary