

**Nikos Themelis**

11/06/2002 13:02

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Subject: PES Conclave

Dear Ms. Weech,

Please find attached a letter by the Prime Minister Mr. Costas Simitis addressed to the President of PES Mr. Robin Cook, concerning the PES Leaders' Conclave on 5th of July in Brussels.

Best regards,

Nikos Themelis



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**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
THE PRIME MINISTER**

Athens, June 11, 2002

Mr. Robin Cook  
President  
Party of European Socialists

**Re: PES Leaders' conclave on 5<sup>th</sup> July in Brussels**

Dear Robin,

Thank you for your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> June confirming the 5<sup>th</sup> of July as the date for the PES Leaders' conclave in Brussels. The matters to be discussed are of vital importance for all of us in the EU and for the course the Union is to take in the immediate future and in the medium term.

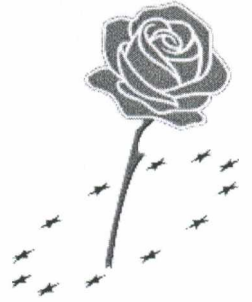
It is therefore with great regret that I note that this date coincides with the scheduled PASOK Party Congress. My attendance at the Congress, alas, prevents me from traveling out of Greece.

You have my best wishes for a fruitful discussion at the conclave. I am looking forward to continuing this discussion in November at the PES Council in Warsaw, which I have already noted in my agenda.

With fraternal greetings,

Costas Simitis

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The President

Brussels, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002

Mr. Costas Simitis  
Prime Minister of Greece  
Megaron Maximou  
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**Re : PES Leaders' conclave on 5<sup>th</sup> July in Brussels**

Dear Costas,

As a strike forced us to cancel our Seville meeting and in light of the new challenge of the extreme and populist Right, it is of major importance that the PES Leaders meet before the Summer break.

1) I would, therefore, like to invite you for a Leaders conclave which will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 11.00hrs to 15.30hrs in or around Brussels (venue to be confirmed).

The agenda will be ; the rise of the populist Right ; the regeneration of the Left ; and our strategy for the European Council in the light of our minority position.

2) | At the end of the meeting, we will decide on the themes for the first PES Council planned for 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> November 2002. Our two Polish sister parties have offered to host the Council in Warsaw. In view of this, we invite Polish Prime Minister and SLD leader, Leszek Miller, as well as Vice Prime-Minister and Unia Pracy leader, Marek Pol, to our meeting.

I hope that in spite of the short notice you will be able to join us in Brussels on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

With fraternal greetings,

Robin Cook

NB. Please confirm your participation at this conclave as soon as possible for security reasons to the PES Secretariat : E-mail: LWeech@europarl.eu.int / Tel: / Fax:



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To:

Subject: First PES Council 14/15 November 2002 in Warsaw, Poland

05/06/2002 09:28

**For the attention of all PES Parties**

The first PES Council which will bring together the leadership and delegates of PES Parties from all over Europe will take place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November 2002 in Warsaw, Poland. More details will follow shortly.

The PES Secretariat



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Subject: Leaders' conclave on 5th or 12th July 2002

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Would you let me know if Mr. Simitis would have any problem with the a/m dates for a proposed leaders' conclave ?

We need to know rather urgently.

The agenda has not been drawn up yet but will probably deal with the current situation of the left and the rise of populist right parties.

Please advise asap. Many thanks.