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## Speaking Note για τον Νίκο Θέμελη Για συνάντηση Sherpas Προοδευτικής Διακυβέρνησης Στοκχόλμη Νοέμβριος 2000

## 1. Γενική τοποθέτηση περί κατεύθυνσης

The progressive Government initiative met, in all our countries, with a very favourable reaction of commentators, policy experts and with public opinion at large. The positive reaction exceeded that, which one would expect simply from a high publicity event with plenty of photo opportunities. It is obvious that the initiative touched a cord with public opinion, which felt that such an initiative represented something quite important.

It is our duty to find out exactly *what* role public opinion expects of such an *i* initiative. We must all admit that, though we might have a hunch or two, we ourselves are not very sure exactly what need this is. We should therefore be careful not to proceed in directions, which prematurely rule our alternatives and avenues of evolution.

My feeling is that we should take advantage of all ideas and proposals and be wary of being over-formalistic. A list of best practise solutions to particular problems is certainly a very good idea; serious discussion on the nature of the problems to be tackled and the way they are approached and understood is a complement to it. I would go further and say that it is a *necessary* complement for best Practice.

The formation of networks between experts is a fruitful avenue to pursue. For those of us on the wrong side of the digital divide the formation of such networks will, alas, necessitate more elaborate arrangements than electronic discussion groups. We have to mobilize our public optimism to the issue tdeas approaches, practices.

Moreover, we should not be formalistic; a number of separate initiatives, of different kinds could start as soon as possible. Those could be issue-centred, bilateral, multilateral etc. What *is* important, though, is that all initiatives should keep the June meeting of experts as a central milestone. All initiatives should have deliverables in June, which can be discussed and integrated into input for the Summit in September.

The idea of a clearing-house centred in the PM's Office in Stockholm finds us in absolute agreement. In our subsequent meetings we can discuss how these functions could best be served in the period *after* September 20001.

## 2. Τρία κύρια θέματα για την συνάντηση κορυφής

Globalisation is perceived by sections of public opinion as potentially threatening due to the overwhelming importance given to an *economic* and *financial* agenda. Though their importance is not in dispute as the foundation of all kind of social progress, it is our opinion that the Leaders have to give a decisive signal that (a) the process is ultimately under (political) control. And

(b) considerations other than narrow economic efficiency are accorded a meaningful role.

Given that the Summit will coincide with the New Economy Forum, a useful organising principle will be to have all three policy areas focus on solidarity to call it the "Solidarity Summit". < noià in xem Tur 7 - Hi za

Our proposals therefore for the 3 areas are:

- For developed countries: Theme 1 the active welfare system. Solidarity • within countries
- For Developing countries: Theme 7 international community solidarity between countries
- For All: Theme 4 Tolerance, respect for diversity democratic values • which underlie all solidarity. Alternatively - Theme 6: technology and social inclusion - the new economy and the new society.

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