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Subject: Conclusions from the meeting in Stockholm on November 24, 2000

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Dear colleagues,

Please find enclosed the conclusions from the meeting at Haga Slott on November 24, 2000.

(See attached file: Progressive conclusions Stockholm 2000.doc)

Sincerely,

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8 December 2000

Prime Minister's Office  
Stockholm, Sweden

State Secretary Pär Nuder

**Conclusions from the Sherpa-meeting on the 24th of  
November 2000 in Stockholm**

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**1. Best Practice in Progressive Governance**

The network of progressive leaders should move to a more practical stage in our cooperation.

The Sherpa-meeting concluded that the Berlin Communiqué should serve as the political basis for the activities connected to the Progressive Governance Network.

The Stockholm Summit's leading theme will be *Best Practice in Progressive Governance*. This theme indicates that the Leaders, the Sherpas and the Experts will gather in Sweden next year in order to exchange concrete experiences, draw lessons from each other, and to formulate a common agenda.

**2. The Process**

Out of the seven titles and the 52 sub-titles that were agreed upon in Lisbon the Swedish chair has identified seven questions to be answered by each country:

- *Active Welfare*

What is best practice in how to equip people, men and women, for new jobs and further education?

- *Health care*

What is best practice in tackling health inequality?

- *Crime*

What is best practice (at local, national and international level) in tackling drug-related crime?

- *Multiculturalism*

What is best practice in the promotion of tolerance and social stability?

- *Sustainable environment*

What is best practice in how to encourage environment friendly technologies and "green growth"?

- *Social inclusion*

What is best practice in beating the digital divide?

- *International Social Compact*

What is best practice in developing a virtuous circle of economic development, aid, trade, conflict prevention, education and health investment?

The Sherpas should identify the best practice in each field, and give policy and political answers to the seven sub-questions, from the 15 countries. This should be reported to the Prime Minister's Office in Stockholm, which will serve as a central clearing house for this activity. Altogether, this data will be the basis for the agenda for the Experts' Conference in Stockholm.

The Swedish chair kindly asks for short answers to the questions (2-3 pages per topic), and would also prefer the written material to be in English.

Part from this major process we agreed upon to stimulate a variety of common activities on national or international level ; i.e. through common articles, organisation of and participation in seminars, campaigning etc. These activities could of course focus on one of the topics mentioned above, like the Greek and German initiative on how to promote tolerance and respect for cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.

In addition the Policy Network, which were presented at the Sherpa-meeting, can be used as a promoter of different common activities.

We need a stronger progressive voice in the media internationally! The Berlin Communiqué has to be highlighted more often.

### 3. The Role for the Experts

The Experts' Conference takes place on 28-29 June 2001, and the Summit on 14-15 September 2001. With this distinction between these two events, the views from the experts can both be better highlighted publicly, and serve as intellectual input to the Summit.

The Experts' Conference will evaluate the results from the collected practice from all the countries under the seven headings (mentioned above). The Sherpas will moderate the conference in different seminars, and are responsible to pick out the experts (not more than five from each country).

#### 4. The Stockholm Summit

The Summit will focus on three relevant topics. These topics will be decided upon closer to the Summit, but should have a clear link to the Experts' Conference.

The Summit will start Friday afternoon 14th September and end Saturday 15th September after lunch; the same format as in Berlin. There will be a closed, informal session, and an open session. The agenda and practical aspects will be finalized at the Sherpa-meeting in June in conjunction to the Experts' Conference.

#### 5. Additional participation

The Sherpas agreed to ask Prime Minister Persson to invite President Kwasniewski of Poland and President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea to participate in the Network.

The Sherpas also discussed President Clinton's future role in the Network, and agreed that he is more than welcome to play a role as a "Travelling Ambassador" for the Network.

#### 6. Dates

2001-04-01	Answers to the 7 questions of the 52, the "home-work" for the Sherpas
2001-06-28	Sherpa-meeting in Stockholm
2001-06-28--29	Experts' Conference in Stockholm
2001-09-14--15	The Stockholm Summit