



REGERINGSKANSLIET

Memorandum

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Prime Minister's Office
Stockholm, Sweden

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Chairman's Proposals

Foreword

The Sherpa Meeting on the 24th of November will take place at Haga Palace, a small Castle located near Stockholm. The Haga Palace has played an important role in Swedish history, both in its royal history, and its democratic history. More about that when you come to Stockholm!

I look forward to an intensive discussion next week. I suggest we start with the usual tour de table regarding the general political picture in each country. Then I suggest we go through the following agenda.

1. A New and More Practical and Political Stage in our Cooperation.

So far, the Network has asserted that it has a lot in common in several important political fields. This is, of course, of great value. It has a global political impact when 15 Heads of State and Government from six continents share the same values, and have a common analysis of general political trends.

But now we have to move from the ascertainment stage to a more practical and action-orientated stage.

We need to learn more from our experiences in order to inspire our domestic agendas, and thereby show our electorate that Progressive Governance is a world wide network where leaders as well as experts with a common value base come together in order to learn from each other. In this sense we have to be more political oriented; we need to try to identify more common activities between our leaders, the experts and ourselves; i.e. through common articles, exchange of papers, participation in seminars,

campaigning etc. I have invited Frederich Michel from London to do a presentation of Policy Network; a new organisation in London, which I think, can be of help in this work.ⁱ

Without visibility, a common visibility, we cannot challenge our political opponents and show our electorate that Progressive Governance is something much more than Summits with men in black suites!

After the above proposed tour de table, I suggest we discuss whether you agree or not on this general approach, and what conclusions should be drawn to live up to our own expectations.

2. Best Practice in Progressive Governance

We need to have a clear and visible direction for the Networks future. Therefore I suggest that the Stockholm Summit's leading theme will be Best Practice in Progressive Governance.

This theme indicates that our leaders will gather in Sweden in order to exchange concrete experiences, draw lessons from each other, and to formulate a common agenda. I suggest we try to set up a process how to make this possible:

- i) The seven working groups, which were agreed upon in Lisbon, shall identify the best practice in each field from the 15 countries.ⁱⁱ I would like to refer to the Canadian Document "The Canadian Way" (which was circulated at the Berlin Summit) how this can be presented.
- ii) The working groups shall report to the Prime Minister's Office in Stockholm, which will serve as a central clearing house for this activity.
- iii) Altogether, this data will be the basis for the agenda for the Experts' Conference in Stockholm (see below).

3. A New Role for the Experts

The experts role has to be defined and discussed at the Sherpa Meeting.

- i) *The experts' link to the Leaders.* The Berlin Summit had two parts: three rather big seminars with experts from all countries,

and the Leaders dinner and working session. The link between the experts and the Leaders was the presentation by three experts during the dinner. Regarding Stockholm, I suggest that an Experts' Conference takes place in June, and the Summit in September. With this distinction I think the views from the experts can both be better highlighted publicly, and serve as intellectual input to the Summit.

- ii) *The Experts' Conference.* I suggest that the Experts' Conference should focus on the seven Lisbon-themes. Best practice has to be one element in seven different seminars, but the experts should also be able to present relevant research. I suggest that the Sherpas serve as moderators at the Experts' Conference, and that it is up to the forerunner countries in the working groups to organize each seminar in close cooperation with the my colleagues at the Prime Minister's Office in Stockholm.
- iii) *A Clearinghouse for the Network.* At least until the Stockholm Summit, I suggest that the PM's Office in Stockholm functions as a clearinghouse for our activities. A special unit has been set up which will work with both the practical details concerning the Experts' Conference and the Stockholm Summit, and also with the substantial content; i.e. coordinate the working groups and transform its results into an agenda for both the Conference and the Summit.

4. Next Sherpa Meeting

I suggest that the next Sherpa Meeting take place in conjunction with the Expert Conference in early summer 2001. At this Sherpa Meeting we need to identify a concentrated and distilled agenda for the Summit in September. This agenda has to have a clear reference to the Berlin Communiqué, and highlight three major issues for the Leaders to discuss.

I ask you to prepare yourself for a first, preliminary discussion on what three major themes the Summit should concentrate on; one that should be of major interest in the developing world, one of major interest for the developed world, and one relevant to all of us.

Clarification
What is the linkage - the relationship between the seven topics ~~considered~~ decided in our meeting in Lisbon and the three we have to decide now for Stockholm

4. The Stockholm Summit

I suggest:

i) *Date and place.* The Stockholm Summit takes place 7-8 September 2001 in the Museum of Modern Art in the centre of Stockholm. I kindly ask you to confirm this suggested date when we meet.

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για 15-16.*

ii) *Theme for the Summit.* The Summit shall focus on three major themes that have to be identified and decided by the Sherpas. I suggest that we will have a preliminary, first discussion on this next week. *Είτε κανόνα από τα 7 είτε κατά περίπτωση, να είναι το αποφασιστικό θέμα.*

iii) *The format of the Summit.* One part of The Summit shall be a public dialogue between the Leaders and special invited experts. Another part shall be closed for media. In this latter session the Leaders will be able to chat informally; i.e. to share views regarding the general political picture in each country like the Sherpas use to do.

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iv) *The link between the Experts' Conference and the Summit.* A few experts will be invited to the Summit to stimulate the public dialogue. One suggestion is to have three different panels, which reflect the three themes. Since the Leaders are so many, I suggest that we have three "seminars" with a panel of 5 Leaders plus one or two experts during the first hours day 2. Three different Leaders should moderate each seminar. Beside this, I suggest that a written report from the Experts' Conference is presented to the Summit.

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Sherpas meeting*

v) *Additional Leaders.* The Sherpa Meeting has to consider the question of additional Leaders to attend the Stockholm Summit. A guiding principle should be to widen the network geographically. Therefore I suggest that Prime Minister Persson should invite President Alexander Kwasnievski of Poland, and President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea to attend the Summit.

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Experts.
maximum 5
people cover
top 7 topics.*

vi) *New Economy Forum.* In conjunction with the Summit, the New Economy Forum will take place, a private initiative that will highlight The New Economy. I can imagine that some of the Leaders will be invited to attend this event before or after the Summit. More details regarding will be presented next week.



i Policy Network is a new organization which is trying to strengthen and support the policy debates on the centre-left and also provide an environment to share ideas, projects between governments and policy actors.

The main mission of Policy Network will be: To identify key themes for the centre-left and help define them, to provide argument and ammunition to those advocating change, to disseminate policy and ideas that define key themes, link national debates and highlight strength of new approach across countries and continents, to raise awareness of best practice to provide strong arguments for innovation and to keep parties in government fed with new ideas.

ii In Lisbon seven areas were identified: 1) How to build an active welfare system? 2) How to provide universal access and better quality in health care? 3) How to prevent and to combat crime? 4) How to promote tolerance and respect for cultural, ethnic and religious diversity? 5) How to promote a sustainable environment? 6) How to use technological progress in order to foster social inclusion? 7) How to build international community and support developing countries?

G: How many will experts present "work" to Summit.
M. Best practices -