

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL



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To the members of the Socialist International

Re: "III Socialist International World Conference of Mayors"
Athens, 7-9 December 2001

Dear Comrade,

The "III Socialist International World Conference of Mayors", in accordance with previous decisions, will take place in Athens, Greece, on 7-9 December 2001.

The conference will be hosted by our member party, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, PASOK, and I am pleased to convey a cordial invitation to your party to nominate mayors to participate in this meeting.

This conference, building on the previous two similar conferences held in Bologna in 1995 and in Fez in 1998, and on the work carried out by the SI Committee on Local Authorities, aims to provide an opportunity for mayors from SI member parties to exchange experiences and opinions and to contribute to the development and application of social democratic policies at local and regional level.

The discussions will focus on the main theme "A Charter for cities governed by socialists", and on three sub-themes which will be discussed in depth in three working groups. Introductory papers on each sub-theme will be sent to your party in advance of the conference.

The conference will include mayors from large cities as well as from towns and villages, and your party is kindly requested to bear this in mind when nominating mayors, in order to ensure a broad representation. The parties' delegations can include up to 10 mayors.

Please find herewith the provisional agenda and programme of the conference, and technical information.

We look forward to receiving in due course confirmation of the participation of a delegation of mayors from your party, including their name(s), travel details and hotel requirements.

Fraternal regards,

Luis Ayala
Secretary General

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **OPENING**

 2. **MAIN THEME: A CHARTER FOR CITIES GOVERNED BY SOCIALISTS**

SUB-THEMES:
 - The City as a leading actor and decision-making centre in the 21st century
 - The City as a promoter of solidarity, inclusion and integration
 - The City as a force for sustainable development and a manager of resources

 3. **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

 4. **ADOPTION OF THE CHARTER FOR CITIES GOVERNED BY SOCIALISTS**

 5. **CLOSURE**
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday, 7 December

15.00 – 18.00 hrs Opening and first plenary session
20.00 hrs Reception

Saturday, 8 December

10.00 – 13.00 hrs **Working Groups:**

1. The City as a leading actor and decision-making centre in the 21st century
2. The City as a promoter of solidarity, inclusion and integration
3. The City as a force for sustainable development and a manager of resources

13.00 – 15.00 hrs Lunch
15.00 – 18.30 hrs. Continuation of the Working Groups

Sunday, 9 December

10.00 – 13.00 hrs **Plenary session:**

- Reports from the Working Groups and debate
- Adoption of the "Charter for Cities Governed by Socialists"
- Closure
