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COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY (CSIPD)

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Social inclusion as the priority of local policies

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Dear members,

Once again we have the pleasure of sending you the **political position document on social inclusion** arising from the debates that took place at the "1st International Seminar on Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion" (Barcelona, 27-28 September 2007).

- ✓ [Conclusions of the "1st International Seminar on Innovative Local Policies for Social Inclusion"](#)

On the one hand, the Seminar identified and documented 54 world-class local policies on social inclusion, which will be available on the Committee's web page shortly. On the other hand, the conclusions of the Seminar debates were the basis for drafting the text on political position that we attach to this e-mail, which includes the main political guidelines cities must consider when planning their inclusion policies.

The Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy is currently working on this document to be adopted by UCLG governing bodies. The intention is for the document to be used for dialogue between UCLG and other international agencies and/or organisations.

In this context, we hope to open a participatory process in order to enrich the existing text with the contributions of Committee members. Only an agreed document of political position that is widely sanctioned by cities committed to social inclusion can make this matter a priority of the international agenda of local governments.

For this reason, we encourage you to actively participate in this process of debate and ask you to send your proposals and suggestions to the CSIPD Executive-Technical Secretariat before **30 May**: cisdpc@cities-localgovernments.org (Attn: Eva García Chueca).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

The World Secretariat
on behalf of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy of
UCLG