1ST 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY

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The 1st 2010 Biannual Meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (CSIPD) of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) was held in the Juan de la Cierva Civic Centre in Getafe (Spain) from 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on 12 June.

A total of 36 people representing 23 towns and institutions attended the meeting, and the following issues were covered:

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENCY AND VICE-PRESIDENCY CANDIDATURES 2011 – 2013 CSIPD

The CSIPD President and Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, Ricard GOMÀ, began the meeting with a short message of welcome and invited all the participants to introduce themselves.

The first point on the agenda, relating to the configuration of the new CSIPD government structure for 2011-2013 was then considered. Ricard GOMÀ explained the process for the presentation of candidatures launched at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Committee (Reggio Emilia, Italy), according to which candidatures could be prepared from that point until the 2010 meeting of the Committee, and would then be discussed at the first meeting of the year in order to be formally presented at UCLG World Congress (Mexico City, 17 – 20 November 2010).

The towns that had presented their candidature for the Presidency or Vice-President of the CSIPD were invited to briefly set them out to those participating in the meeting.

**Vice-Presidency Candidature of Aubagne.** Magali GIOVANNANGELI, 1st Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France), presented her CSIPD Vice-presidency candidature, in which she proposes to reinforce the use of participatory practices on the Committee and to intensify work of a horizontal nature. The candidature also aims for this working dynamic to affect the way UCLG as a whole operates, as it is felt to be too hierarchical.

**Vice-Presidency Candidature of FAMSI.** Felipe LLAMAS, coordinator of the International Networks Area of FAMSI (Spain), pointed out that the inclusion of FAMSI in the government structure of the CSIPD would contribute to beginning a new working line, consisting of undertaking decentralised south-south and north-south cooperation projects. The objective of these initiatives would be to promote local social inclusion policies, participatory democracy and human rights in order to move towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

**Vice-Presidency Candidature of Guarulhos.** Katia LIMA, coordinator of the Participative Budget Programme of Guarulhos (Brazil), said that her city has decided to present a candidature for the CSIPD Vice-presidency as a local government on an individual basis, but also as the coordinating town of the Brazilian Participative Budget Network. In this respect, the purpose of its inclusion in the CSIPD government structure would be to reinforce the work the Committee is undertaking in the area of participatory democracy.

**Vice-Presidency Candidature of Nantes.** Delphine BOUFFENIE, 9th Deputy Mayor of Nantes (France), explained that her candidature would focus on the axis of working towards human rights and would consist of promoting and articulating the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City and the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City. The candidature also proposes compiling as much information as possible on existing networks or tools aimed at promoting human rights based on local policies.

**Vice-Presidency Candidature of Plaine Commune.** Céline DAVIET, advisor to the President of Plaine Commune (France), explained that the initiatives proposed by Plaine Commune if its mandate of Vice-presidency is renewed would be: to continue to support the CSIPD Social Inclusion Observatory, to which end they propose a new line of research on intermunicipal cooperation in the areas of urban planning and social inclusion policies; to accompany the process promoting the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City (with the city of Saint-Denis, France); to participate actively in the organisation of the ninth

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1 The full documentation of the meeting can be consulted at: 1st 2010 CSIPD Biannual Meeting. Working documents.
Forum of Local Authorities (Dakar, February 2011); and finally, to monitor UCLG statutory meetings, and specifically those of the Executive Bureau.

Vice-Presidency Candidature of Barcelona. Ricard GOMÀ, CSIPD President and 2nd Deputy Mayor of Barcelona (Spain), expressed his desire once again to present his candidacy as President of the Committee in order to implement the following strategic priorities for the period 2011 – 2013: to reinforce the capacity of political dialogue with international organisations; to reinforce the political work with regard to groups in a situation of, or at risk of, social exclusion; to consolidate the CSIPD's communication space using the website or quarterly bulletins; to create the structure for a social research area within the Social Inclusion Observatory; and finally, to begin decentralised public cooperation processes.

Based on the various candidatures presented, Ricard GOMÀ made the following proposal for the 2011 - 2013 government structure: to validate the candidature for the Presidency, to create regional Vice-presidencies which would include the various candidate cities belonging to the same region; to create a First Vice-presidency, which would be held by Patrick BRAOUEZEC, President of Plaine Commune, due to his leading role in the creation and consolidation of the CSIPD; and finally, to maintain the CSIPD Coordination Group, which to date has comprised the Presidency, Vice-presidencies and those cities wishing to play an active role in leading the Committee. Ricard GOMÀ added that as far as possible, steps should be taken so that African and Asian regions are represented in this new structure, and the Executive Technical Secretary should take the steps necessary to that end. He concluded by emphasising that the political commitment shown by candidate cities should accompanied by a financial commitment.

A discussion then began among all the participants in which it became clear that the proposal made by the President of the CSIPD had unanimous support, and as such it was quickly approved and applauded by all.

Jorge RODRIGUEZ, International Relations coordinator of the city of Montevideo (Uruguay), expressed interest in joining the Latin American Vice-Presidency of the CSIPD and said that due to the city being in the middle of a process of important internal changes, they will not seriously be able to consider assuming a Vice-presidency until the new mayor joins the government team (July 2010).

Felipe LLAMAS, coordinator of the FAMSI International Networks Area (Spain), following on from the idea proposed by Ricard GOMÀ, said that a greater presence of southern cities should be promoted in the governing structure of the Committee.

Xavier GODÀS, Head of Ricard Gomà's Office, said that each regional Vice-presidency should include a maximum of 3 or 4 cities and these should be responsible for representing the CSIPD in their appropriate regional area.

Alejandro LUÉVANO, coordinator of the Participatory Budget of the Iztapalapa Delegation from Mexico City (Mexico), mentioned that Iztapalapa's level of participation in the CSIPD is being assessed.

Magali GIOVANNANGELI, 1st Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France), said that with this government structure, the CSIPD has shown that it has innovated in its working method. She followed on from the idea proposed by Ricard GOMÀ of making some type of financial commitment, and in view of the degree of consensus regarding the Presidency and Vice-presidencies, said that preparing meetings in advance, as has been the case to date has led to very good results. It is necessary to continue working in the same way, and as far as possible, to use new technologies to cut travel costs.

Jorge RODRÍGUEZ, International Relations coordinator of the city of Montevideo (Uruguay) said that his previous comments were under no circumstances aimed at competing with the Latin American candidature presented by Guarulhos.

Djamel SANDID, Head of International Relations in Bobigny (France), made it clear that there are some member cities of the CSIPD, such as the city he represents, which despite not being part of the new government structure, wish to continue working actively on the Committee as they have done to date.

Eduardo Mancuso, International Relations coordinator of Canoas (Brazil), said he was very satisfied by the range of candidatures presented and with regard to the Brazilian candidature, stressed that it will be an important point of convergence between the CSIPD and Brazilian Participative Budget Network.
José Manuel LUQUE, head of the Forum of Local Authorities Secretariat, added that he thought that the possibility of the CSIPD becoming a platform for the cooperation of various participatory budget networks was very interesting.

2. THE ROLE OF CSIPD IN THE 3rd UCLG WORLD CONGRESS

Ricard GOMÀ and Xavier GODÀS explained that the CSIPD Presidency has taken several steps with UCLG World Secretariat so that the CSIPD can contribute to the organisation of the Mexico Congress. In this respect, they said that they had requested a space to contribute to a plenary session, the organisation of a parallel session linked to one of the following themed areas: “Global crises, local impact” and “The city of 2030” and finally, a meeting of the Committee (taking into account that the World Secretariat has said that on this occasion, the Congress will not host committee meetings).

Céline DAVIET, advisor to the President of Plaine Commune (France), said that the preliminary programme of the Congress did not make the various questions for debate sufficiently problematic.

Antonio ANIESA, Head of International Relations for Nanterre (France), said that one of the main dangers of Mexico is the replacement of the Congress format (which would have allowed discussion of issues of the organisation's internal operation) by that of a Summit, a format which prioritises general debates on issues of interest to local governments, but not internal issues. From his point of view, undertaking an in-depth reflection on how UCLG is run is a matter of urgency.

Xavier GODÀS, Head of Ricard GOMÀ's Office, agreed with the comment by Céline DAVIET and added that it is necessary to ensure the visibility of the CSIPD at the Mexico Congress. He also added that the streamlining process of the committees on which UCLG has started to work should be undertaken with these committees.

José Manuel LUQUE, Head of the Forum of Local Authorities Secretariat, announced that Mexico City had invited them to organise an event involving progressive local governments on the occasion of the Congress.

Felipe LLAMAS, coordinator of the International Networks Area of FAMSI (Spain), suggested coordinating the various committees to request committee meetings in Mexico en bloc. With regard to the renewal of the UCLG Presidency in Mexico, he proposed creating an internal agreement within the CSIPD to provide collective support for the candidacy of a progressive Latin American city.

Delphine BOUFFENIE, 9th Deputy Mayor of Nantes (France), announced that measures are being taken for the presentation of the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City at the Mexico World Congress for approval.

Magali GIOVANNANGELI, 1st Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France), expressed her disappointment that the Gender Committee has been inactive for some considerable time, and said that it should either be activated or the CSIPD could consider assuming responsibility for this area.

Eva GARCIA CHUECA, Executive Technical Secretary of the CSIPD, suggested proposing the inclusion of the expression “human rights” in the name of the CSIPD in Mexico, so that the name includes the three themed areas covered by the Committee. With regard to the committee streamlining process, she explained that at the most recent UCLG Executive Bureau meeting (Chicago, April 2010), an advisory committee for the International Secretariat was created, with a mission which among other areas, will be to define guidelines for the World Secretariat in its monitoring of committees and establishing the measures to take in the event of inactivity. She said that some initial proposals in this regard will be announced in Mexico. Finally, she suggested implementing a proposal made at the most recent meeting of the CSIPD Coordination Group, which consisted of writing a letter signed by the members of the CSIPD asking for this process to take the committee's into account and for the Mexico Congress to give them a greater role.
Antonio ANIESA, Head of International Relations for Nanterre (France), proposed that the letter should be signed by elected officials and set to the UCLG President.

Jaime ZEA, Mayor of Villa El Salvador (Peru), agreed with this proposal, and said that if things are to be changed, it must be possible to generate debates. He also said that the letter should be signed by several elected officials.

Slimane TOUDERT, advisor to Magali GIOVANNANGELI, suggested that if elected officials do not have a specific space for contribution, it will be difficult for them to travel to Mexico City. Therefore, the organisation of committee meetings should be considered. He also highlighted that it is not realistic to invite progressive cities to the Congress just to discuss about “the management of budgetary restrictions”, as UCLG is proposing for the moment.

Duñike AGIRREZABALAGA, 2nd Deputy Mayor of San Sebastián (Spain) said that at this stage, there is certainly very little opportunity to affect the agenda and the organisation of the Congress, and she doubted that a letter of this type would have much impact. As a result, she suggested considering the alternative that if a specific role is not guaranteed for elected officials to participate in the Congress, it will be necessary to decide not to attend.

Eduardo MANCUSO, International Relations coordinator of Canoas (Brazil), said he agreed with the idea of writing a letter as proposed. However, with regard to holding a Committee meeting, it is not necessary to wait to find out whether the World Secretariat would allow holding it, as he understands that no authorisation of any type is needed. It is simply a question of convening the meeting and holding it. He then suggested distributing the presence of CSIPD members over various debates at the Congress so that they put across the political message that they advocate in all the forums possible.

Eduardo TADEU, Mayor of Varzea Paulista (Brazil), Jairo Jorge DA SILVA, Mayor of Canoas (Brazil) and Marília CAMPOS, Mayor of Contagem (Brazil), said that preparations are being made for an extensive mobilisation of Brazilian towns for the Congress. They added that the event will take place soon after general elections in the country, in which Dilma Roussef is standing as the candidate for the Workers’ Party (PT) and as the successor to President Lula.

Antonio ANIESA, Head of International Relations for Nanterre (France), proposed a meeting with the various networks of towns that the CSIPD is working with, either at the Congress or otherwise.

Ricard GOMÀ, President of the CSIPD and 2nd Deputy Mayor of Barcelona (Spain), took note of all the speeches and went on to deal with the next item on the agenda.

3. CSIPD 2011 – 2013 STRATEGIC REFLECTION

Due to a lack of time, Ricard GOMÀ, President of the CSIPD and 2nd Deputy Mayor of Barcelona (Spain), announced that in view of the various ideas suggested at the meeting, and especially those from the various candidatures presented, a proposal for working lines for the 2011-2013 period would be produced, and would be circulated by the Executive Technical Secretary. He also proposed that work would be done on this point on the agenda by e-mail in order to be able to arrive in Mexico with a Working Plan agreed upon by all the member cities. Before moving on to the following point, he highlighted an idea that he felt must be included in the document: the need to continue coordinating the CSIPD with social movements through the Forum of Local Authorities.

In this respect, Felipe LLAMAS, coordinator of the International Networks Area of FAMSI (Spain), announced that the next Forum of Local Authorities will take place in Dakar (Senegal) in February 2011, and as a result, it seemed essential to him that the Mayor of Dakar is present at UCLG World Congress and could also become involved in the work of the CSIPD.

Eduardo MANCUSO, International Relations coordinator of Canoas (Brazil), suggested that a meeting of the FALP should be convened as part of Dakar’s Forum of Local Authorities.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE CSIPD VIDEO

A CSIPD presentation video was shown to close the meeting. This will soon be available on the Committee's website and is the result of some recordings that were made during the 2009 Annual Meeting of the CSIPD (21 November, Reggio Emilia, Italy).
APPENDIX 1. AGENDA

15h – 16:30h

Welcome and presentation of the participants

Presentation of the candidacies to Presidency and Vicepresidencies 2011 – 2013 CSIPD

Debate

16:30h – 17h

The role of the CSIPD in the 3rd World Congress of UCLG (Mexico, 17 – 20 November 2010)

17h – 18:30h

Strategic reflection CSIPD 2011 – 2013

18:30h – 19h

Presentation of the video of the CSIPD
## APPENDIX 2. LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS

### LATIN AMERICA

**Brazil**  
Caxias  
Jairo Jorge da Silva Mayor  
Eduardo Marqueso Head of International Relations  
Francisco Valtler Arille Councillor for Economic Development  

Contagem  
Marina Campos  
Eugenia Bosio Fraga Councillor for Planning and Monitoring  
Antonio Puente Councillor for Housing  

Guarulhos  
Klara Lima Participatory Budget's coordinator  

Osaka  
Eduardo Teixeira Pedra Mayor  

Mexico  
Iztapalapa  
Alejandro Luévano Participatory Budget's coordinator  

Perú  
Vice el Secretario  
Antonio Zea Mayor  

Argentina  
Montevideo  
Jorge Rodríguez Coordinator of International Relations  

### EUROPE

**Spain**  
Barcelona  
Ricard Goma  
2nd Deputy Mayor for Citizenship and Social Action  
Xavier Godàs Head of the 2nd Deputy Mayor’s Office  

TARRAGONA  
Palma Llima Coordinator of International Relations  

San Sebastian  
Dulcia Aghavaniahaga  
2nd Deputy Mayor for Projects and Building Works, Citizens Participation and Neighbourhoods  

Santa Cristina d'Aro  
Ricard Herrero Mayor  

Terrassa  
Johan Churin Head of International Relations  

**France**  
Aubagne  
Magali Giovanageli 1st Deputy mayor for Citizen Participation  
Slimane Toudert Advisor to the 1st Deputy mayor  
Josyane Royere Councillor for Health  

Blois  
Françoise Fave Councillor for Housing  
Séverine Calza Project Manager  

Conseil Général de Seine-Saint-Denis  
Gérard Perreau-Bezouille 1st Deputy Mayor for Financial issues, International Relations and Urban Life  

Conseil Général de Seine-Saint-Denis  
Gilbert Roger 1st Vice-President  
Magali Giovanageli Head of International Relations - Via Le Monde  

Nantes  
Hugues Stouffier  
Séverine Calza Project Manager  

**Networks**

IAL  
José Manuel López Technical Secretariat  
Pedro Ortega Technical Secretariat (communication)  

ICIP  
José Vicente Melo Technical Secretarial  

ICCS  
José Vicente Melo Executive Technical Secretariat