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Inclusion and Participative Democracy

2ND 2010 BIENNIAL MEETING

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY

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The 2nd 2010 Biannual Meeting of the Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (CSIPD) of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) was held in the Federal District Public Administration School (EAPDF) in Mexico City (Mexico) between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm on 17 November.

The meeting was chaired by the CSIPD Vice-president, Mr. Patrick Braouezec (President of Plaine Commune and International Relations Councillor for Saint-Denis, France) at the request of the Committee's President, Mr. Ricard Gomà, who was unable to travel to Mexico due to unforeseen circumstances.

A total of 52 people representing 33 towns and institutions attended the meeting, and the following issues were covered:¹:

1. PRESENTATION AND DEBATE OF THE CSIPD ACTIVITIES REPORT 2008 - 2010

The CSIPD Vice-president, **PATRICK BRAOUEZEC**, began the meeting with a short message of welcome and invited all the participants to introduce themselves.

He then briefly introduced the CSIPD Activities Report 2008 - 2010, and emphasised the political achievements arising from the work of the Committee during this period. First, the production of the document "For a world of inclusive cities" which has set out the political position of UCLG in the area of social inclusion since 2008. Second, the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, an initiative that was scheduled for presentation to the members of UCLG Executive Bureau at its meeting on the next day (18 November). And finally, the political promotion of the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City and of its network of signatory cities.

PATRICK BRAOUEZEC also mentioned the work to extend the CSIPD's Social Inclusion Observatory (a platform for analysis and consideration of innovative local policies for social inclusion) and the production of a study on the impact of participatory processes on the efficiency of local social inclusion policies. As regards links with other networks and organisations, the Vice-president highlighted co-operation with the FAL and the IOPD, and the links established with some United Nations agencies (UNESCO and UN-HABITAT). Finally, he mentioned the efforts made by the Committee in the area of communication and its institutional profile by means of several communication tools (website, news bulletin, circulars, etc.) and its participation in many international events.

MAGALI GIOVANNANGELI, Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France) commended the CSIPD for its excellent recent work.

ANTONIO ZURITA, Director General of FAMSI (Spain) and **FELIPE LLAMAS**, Head of the International Networks Area of FAMSI, also joined in the congratulations. **FELIPE LLAMAS** was also pleased for the initiative that the CSIPD President had to send a letter to the President of UCLG and Mayor of Paris, Mr. Bertrand Delanöe. The letter highlighted the work carried out by UCLG committees and expressed the CSIPD's desire to participate in the strategic reflection that the organisation will embark upon in 2011.

DELPHINE BOUFFENIE, Deputy Mayor of Nantes (France), stressed that the CSIPD has produced several instruments that can contribute to providing guidance for local governments in the design of their policies for social inclusion, participation and human rights. And she added that the final declaration of the Summit should include the political message that the CSIPD has developed in recent years.

ANTONIO ANIESA, Head of International Relations of Nanterre (France), highlighted the close links between the CSIPD and the IOPD in recent years and suggested that further progress in this area should be made.

¹ The full documentation of the meeting can be consulted at: [Documentation 2nd Biannual Meeting 2010 CSIPD](#).

EDUARDO MANCUSO, Head of International Relations of Canoas (Brazil), provided a very positive overview of the work done by the CSIPD and congratulated the executive secretary on the role played in coordinating existing themed networks. He took advantage of the opportunity to ask whether there was any news about the letter sent to the President of UCLG.

MARIE-CHRISTINE DELACROIX, Advisor to the President of the Val de Marne General Council (France) highlighted the horizontal and democratic procedures of the CSIPD and the fact that all its member cities can have a voice and be listened to. She encouraged the CSIPD to continue working in order to contribute to UCLG's greater transparency and democratisation. She seconded the praise given by Felipe Llamas regarding the letter sent to the President of UCLG and finally, she suggested expanding the work of the CSIPD beyond Europe and Latin America.

EVA GARCIA CHUECA, Executive Technical Secretary of the CSIPD, answered Eduardo Mancuso's question by saying that the letter to the President of UCLG had been sent a few days previously and at that point, the President of the CSIPD had received no correspondence from Paris in that regard. She added that as Mr. Bertrand Delanöe's presidency was going to come to a conclusion at the end of the Mexico congress, a similar initiative should be taken with the new UCLG president, who would be the person who was really going to start the process of strategic reflection during his/her mandate.

GIOVANNI ALLEGRETTI, senior researcher at the CES – University of Coimbra (Portugal), presented the progress of the research his institution is doing to expand the Social Inclusion Observatory data bank. He said that it is a collective task which is being done under the leadership of Prof. Boaventura de Sousa Santos, by ten researchers at the CES in collaboration with some colleagues in other institutions. After finding 200 policies from all over the world, GIOVANNI ALLEGRETTI mentioned that 40 benchmark cases have been selected based on a series of pre-established quality criteria. A further 10 cases will be selected in early 2011, so that the Observatory will finally have a total of 65 innovative social inclusion policies. The researcher added that the CES is working towards producing a book at the end of the process to enable a more profound and in-depth reflection on the research done.

Rocío LOMBERA, the Director of COPEVI (Mexico), said that it was important to include other viewpoints from the various regions of the world in the Observatory. As regards the study on the link between participation and inclusion, she pointed out that she had noticed a Eurocentric bias after reading the Executive Summary in the working documentation of the meeting. In this respect, she warned that the text contains ideas, such as the role conferred on the market or the concept of the Third Sector, that are not shared in Latin America. She suggested that a critical reflection take place around these concepts before the study is published.

PATRICK BRAOUEZEC, Vice-president of the CSIPD, concluded this first point on the agenda by pointing out that he feels that the CSIPD is an important committee and this is shown by the volume of work it has been able to complete. He congratulated the Presidency on its leadership over the last three years and stressed the importance of including other different viewpoints in the CSIPD to those currently predominant today, which are European and Latin American.

2. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CSIPD WORKING PLAN AND GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE 2011 - 2013

PATRICK BRAOUEZEC, Vice-president of the CSIPD, invited those present to make suggestions to the draft CSIPD Working Plan for the period 2011 – 2013. He also submitted the government structure agreed at the Getafe meeting for validation by those attending. In this structure, the city of Barcelona would continue to hold the Presidency, a First Vice-presidency would be created, and be held by Plaine Commune / Saint-Denis, and there would be several Regional Vice-presidencies: Guarulhos and Montevideo for Latin America; Aubagne, Nantes and FAMSI for Europe; the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) for Africa; and the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Authorities for Asia.

With regard to the draft CSIPD Working Plan 2011 – 2013, **ANTONIO ZURITA**, Director General of FAMSI (Spain) mentioned the activities that the CSIPD will be organising within the framework of the next Local Authorities Forum (FAL), which will take place in Dakar from 8 to 10 February 2011: a seminar on social inclusion and

human rights and a Committee meeting. He said that FAMSÍ is supporting the organisation of the FAL (which on this occasion is benefitting from resources of the Spanish Cooperation Development Agency - AECID) and encouraged all those present to participate.

JORGE RODRÍGUEZ, the International Relations Coordinator of Montevideo (Uruguay) expressed his city's commitment to working actively in the CSIPD as a member of the Latin American Vice-presidency, along with the Brazilian city of Guarulhos. He took advantage of the occasion to congratulate the CSIPD on its work done during 2008 - 2010.

CATHERINE PEYGE, Mayor of Bobigny (France) seconded this congratulation and considered the work done by the CSIPD in the area of social inclusion in a positive light, and suggested the inclusion of a new dimension: the promotion of foreign residents' right to vote.

CLAUDE BERNARDI, Head of the Office of the Mayor of Aubagne (France) emphasised the need to increase the number of cities promoting local policies of social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.

ANTONIO ANIESA, Head of International Relations of Nanterre (France), said he was pleased that the CSIPD had worked with the FALP and the Peripheral Cities Committee on organising one of the Summit's parallel sessions: "Fighting against social exclusion – the right to the city and to solidarity-based metropolises." He also proposed closer co-operation with other UCLG committees and the use of the extensive list of CSIPD member cities to expand the FAL.

EDUARDO MANCUSO, Head of International Relations in Canoas (Brazil) felt that the proposal to include the words "human rights" in the Committee's name was very appropriate, in view of the work it is doing in that area. He then announced that Canoas will host the next FALP in 2013 and invited the CSIPD to actively participate in the organisation of the event.

Following the contribution by Antonio Zurita, **JOSÉ MANUEL LUQUE**, Head the FAL Technical Secretariat (Spain) gave more information on the 9th FAL and said that unlike the FAL in Nairobi, this event is benefitting from Dakar City Council's support. With regard to the draft CSIPD Working Plan 2011 – 2013, he encouraged the Committee to continue working intensively to provide a bigger visibility to progressive local governments in UCLG.

With regard to the strategic priorities contained in the CSIPD Working Plan 2011 – 2013, **MONIQUE RABIN**, Vice-president of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council (France) was pleased to announce the inclusion of an axis based around decentralised cooperation linked to the promotion of local policies of social inclusion, participatory democracy and human rights.

The mayor of Geneva (Switzerland) **SANDRINE SALERNO** agreed with this assessment and added that it would be interesting for the CSIPD to create a data bank with information on the initiatives taken by towns to implement the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City.

CLARA BRUGADA, Head of the Political Delegation from Iztapalapa (Mexico) proposed including three activities in the CSIPD's 2011 – 2013 Working Plan: a) training, based on the knowledge arising from the work of the CSIPD; b) a political campaign in favour of the human right to water; c) the mobilisation of elected women for gender equality to be included in the CSIPD's work.

MAGALI GIOVANNANGELI, Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France), once again expressed her regret that the UCLG Gender Committee is still not operational. She added that the town of Aubagne will be holding the European Vicepresidency of the CSIPD and as a result of this new responsibility will be working to introduce participatory meeting practices that increase the level of internal democracy within the Committee.

PATRICK BRAOUZEC, Vice-president of the CSIPD, ended the discussion by pointing out that Val de Marne General Council has done an interesting work on the issue of the promotion of the human right to water. He suggested taking it into account as a starting point for a possible series of activities within the Committee based around this subject.

3. THE GLOBAL CHARTER-AGENDA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY IN THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU

PATRICK BRAOUEZEC, Vice-president of the CSIPD, reported that the draft of the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, initiative in which the CSIPD has been working on since 2006 with the support of Nantes – Pays de la Loire, would finally be presented to the members of the UCLG Executive Bureau on the following day (18 November). If the subsequent debate has positive results, a process of political validation will begin in 2011, which will culminate in the approval of the text at the next UCLG World Council (to be held in autumn 2011).

4. PRESENTATION OF THE SUMMIT SESSION “FIGHTING AGAINST SOCIAL EXCLUSION – THE RIGHT TO THE CITY AND TO SOLIDARITY-BASED METROPOLISES”

PATRICK BRAOUEZEC, Vice-president of the CSIPD, called on all those present to participate in the parallel session of the Summit organised by the CSIPD which was entitled “Fighting against social exclusion – the right to the city and to solidarity-based metropolises”. He announced that the session would take place in the City's Theatre in the afternoon of the following day.

On that final point, the 2nd Biannual Meeting 2010 of UCLG's Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy was brought to a close.

APPENDIX 1. AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Time: 11:30h – 13h

Place: Escuela de Administración Pública del Distrito Federal (Tacuba, 4 – Centro Histórico)

- Welcome and presentation of participants

- Presentation and debate of the Committee's Activities Report 2008 – 2010

- Presentation and approval of the Committee's Working Plan and government structure 2011 – 2013

- The *Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City* in the Executive Bureau

- Presentation of the Summit session "Fighting against social exclusion – the right to the city and to solidarity-based metropolis"



APPENDIX 2. LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS

AFRIQUE			
Mozambique	Maputo	Luis Bernardo Nhaca	Conseiller Municipal délégué à la planification urbaine et à l'environnement
		Susana Laice	Directrice des Relations Internationales
		Irene Boane	Cabinet des Relations Internationales
AMERIQUE LATINE			
Brésil	Canoas	Eduardo Mancuso	Directeur des Relations Internationales
	Front national des maires (FNP)	Delma Sandri	Chargée de mission. Relations Internationales
	Guarulhos	Kátia Lima	Coordinatrice du Budget Participatif
	Várzea Paulista	Eduardo Tadeu Pereira	Maire
Chili	Association Ciudad Sur	Guillermo Tapia Paz	
Mexique	COPEVI	Rocio Lombera	Directrice
	École d'Administration Publique du Gouvernement du District Fédéral (EAPDF)	Javier Farrera	Coordinateur General des diplômés
	Institut de développement social de Sinaloa	José Ramon Camargo	Directeur Général
	Iztapalapa (Mexico D.F.)	Clara Brugada	Chef de la délégation politique d'Iztapalapa
		Alejandro Luévano	Coordinateur du Budget Participatif
	Mexico D.F.	Alberto Martínez	Coordinateur du Programme pour l'Amélioration des Quartiers
	Mouvement Citoyen de la rive du fleuve Mololoa	Joel Robles Villaseñor	Directeur Général
	Juchitán (Oaxaca)	César Vasquez	Conseiller Municipal
	Santa Cruz (Xoxocotlán)	José Monjaraz Matias	Conseiller Municipal
	Santa Lucia del Camino (Oaxaca)	Adriana Lucía Cruz Carrera	Conseillère Municipale
Uruguay	Montevideo	Jorge Rodríguez	Coordinateur des Relations Internationales
AMERIQUE DU NORD			
Canada	Fédération des Municipalités Canadiennes (FCM)	Tim Kehoe	Directeur
		Renée Giroux	Responsable du programme des partenariats municipaux
		Micheline Caron	Consultante en gouvernance
EUROPE			
Espagne	FAMSI	Antonio Zurita	Directeur Général
France	Aubagne	Felipe Llamas	Coordinateur de l'aire des Réseaux Internationaux
		Magali Giovannangeli	1ère adjointe au maire déléguée à la Démocratie Participative
		Claude Bernardi	Directeur de cabinet du Maire
	Bobigny	Slimane Toudert	Collaborateur de la 1ère Adjointe au Maire
		Catherine Peyge	Maire de Bobigny
		Annick Lemée	Directrice du cabinet du Maire
	Nantes	Djamel Sandid	Directeur des Relations Internationales
		Delphine Bouffenie	Adjointe au Maire déléguée à l'Intégration, l'Égalité et la Citoyenneté
	Nanterre	Patrick Jarry	Maire
		Gérard Perreau-Bezouille	1er Adjoint au Maire délégué aux Relations Internationales, les Finances Locales et la Vie Urbaine
		Antonio Aniesa	Responsable des Relations Internationales
	Plaine Commune	Patrick Braouezec	Président
		Céline Daviet	Chargée de mission aux Relations Internationales
	Secrétariat international Droits de l'Homme, Nantes – Pays de la Loire	Franck Barrau	Secrétaire Général
		Séverine Calza	Chargée de projet
	Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile, communauté d'agglomération	Robert Abad	Directeur du cabinet du Président
		Bernard Calabuig	Chargé de mission Démocratie Participative
Pays de la Loire, Conseil régional	Monique Rabin	Vice-Présidente	
	Aunette Soizic	Collaboratrice de la Vice-Présidente	
Val de Marne, Conseil général	Christian Favier	Président	
	Marie-Christine Delacroix	Chargée de mission. Cabinet de la Présidence	
Suisse	Genève	Sandrine Salerno	Maire
		Valentina Wenger	Collaboratrice personnelle du Maire
		Jean Rossiaud	Conseiller personnel du Maire
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Portugal	Coimbra	Giovanni Allegretti	Centre d'Etudes Sociaux (CES) - Université de Coimbra
RÉSEAUX			
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CISDP - CGLU		Eva Garcia Chueca	Secrétaire technique exécutive
Forum des Autorités Locales (FAL)		José Manuel Luque	Responsable du Secrétariat Technique
Observatoire International pour la Démocratie Participative (OIDP)		Laia Vilademunt	Secrétaire technique