DECLARATION OF TUZLA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

From 7 to 9 October 2010, the city of Tuzla (Bosnia-Herzegovina) hosted the 7th Conference on the European Charter for the Safeguarding on Human Rights in the City, which was attended by more than 100 people representing 21 cities: Bihać, Foća, Gračanica and Mostar (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Koprivnica, Osijek, Rijeka, Šibenik and Vukovar (Croatia), Barcelona, Gavà and San Sebastián (Spain), Bobigny, Lyon, Nanterre, Nantes, the Plaine Commune metropolitan area, Saint-Denis and Toulouse (France). The Moroccan city of Tiznit also took part in the event due to its twinning with Saint-Denis.

In the Conference, cities stated that the European Charter for the Safeguarding on Human Rights in the City enabled local governments all over Europe to come together around the commitment to reconcile the development of cities with safeguarding human rights. They also emphasised the need to reinforce networking between conferences, and entrusted the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (CSIPD) with the coordination of this task.

By signing the Tuzla Declaration, the participating cities called on the national governments and international institutions to promote real processes of decentralisation leading to greater empowerment of the inhabitants of cities and to adopt measures preventing the privatisation of natural, cultural and historical heritage. They also called on the European authorities to make rights as basic as the right to vote for foreigners, the right to high quality public services and the right to sustainable development to finally be recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and in the European Union’s Lisbon Treaty.

At the closing session of the Conference, the Mayor of San Sebastián, Mr. Odón Elorza, announced that his city would host the next Conference European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City in 2012.

RESULTS OF THE WORLD SUMMIT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS

The World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders – 3rd UCLG World Congress was held in Mexico D.F from 17 to 20 November. More than 2,000 local governments from 114 countries participated in the event. During three days, 3 plenary sessions, 10 parallel sessions and dozens of meetings took place.

The city also hosted the meeting of UCLG Executive Bureau, as well as the meetings of the organisation’s Assembly and its World Council,
where the new President of UCLG was elected: the Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey), Mr. Kadir Topbas. Five more mayors will make up the Co-Presidency for the period 2011 - 2013: the Mayor of Lisbon (Portugal), Mr. Antonio Costa; the Mayor of San José (Costa Rica), Mr. Johnny Araya; the Mayor of Guangzhou (China), Mr. Wan Qingliang; the Mayor of Harare (Zimbabwe), Mr. Muchadeyi Masunda; and the Mayor of Kazan (Russia), Mr. Ilsur Metsin.

Please, find below the final documents of the Summit:

- The city of 2030 – Our Manifesto
- Recommendations of the Summit

**CSIPD MEETING IN MEXICO**

The second meeting of the Committee in 2010 took place on November 17 in Mexico D.F in the framework of UCLG’s Summit. 50 people attended the meeting representing thirty cities or institutions from 9 countries from Africa, North America, Latin America and Europe. At the meeting, participants assessed the activities undertaken during the last three years and approved the governing structure and work plan for the period 2011 - 2013.

The city of Barcelona renewed its commitment to hold the Presidency of the Committee. A First Vice-presidency was created and will be held by Saint-Denis / Plaine Commune with the mission of ensuring the representation of the CSIPD at UCLG statutory meetings. Several regional vice-presidencies were also appointed: the cities of Guarulhos and Montevideo in Latin America, Aubagne, Nantes and the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI) in Europe and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in Africa. City members also decided to add “human rights” to the name of the CSIPD in order to better reflect the work that has been done for several years by the Committee.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER-AGENDA TO THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU IN MEXICO**

On 17 November, the CSIPD presented the Global Charter-Agenda on Human Rights in the City in UCLG’s Executive Bureau meeting. This initiative has been promoted since 2007 with the political support of the Region of Pays de la Loire and the city of Nantes (France) through their International Secretariat for Human Rights (SPDIH).

In order to promote the implementation of local policies for safeguarding human rights, the Charter-Agenda not only includes a list of rights that cities undertake to protect, but also various specific initiatives to be undertaken to put each of the rights stipulated in the text into practice. After the production of a first draft by an international group of experts (2007-2008), the Charter was subjected to an extensive process of political debate between representatives of local governments, experts and members of civil society (2009-2010), and is now being presented to all the members of the UCLG for discussion.

Ms. Monique Rabin, Vice-President of the Conseil Régional des Pays de la Loire, participated in the Executive Bureau meeting on behalf of the CSIPD and presented the initiative to its members. The document was widely supported and it was decided to recommend its formal adoption in the next World Council meeting (Florence, 2011).
THE RIGHT TO THE CITY AND TO SOLIDARITY - BASED METROPOLISES IN UCLG’s SUMMIT

The CSIPD organized one of the Summit’s parallel sessions on the issue of “Fighting against social exclusion – the right to the city and to solidarity-based metropolises”. The debate was held on November 18, taking this idea as a starting point: even though cities are sources of innovation and progress, they also have high levels of social and spatial segregation between rich and poor, and many inequalities and concentrations of poverty.

The global trend towards urbanisation is leading to the urbanisation of poverty and social exclusion, which is reflected in inequalities in income levels, non-existent or insufficient public services and alarming living conditions (especially in terms of food, housing, health and education). The current economic situation is aggravating these problems, and the budget crisis faced by many local governments is weakening their ability to take action against social exclusion.

From this standpoint, the debate focused on what policies can develop local governments to take forward the right to the city and solidarity-based metropolises. The session was moderated by the Vice-president of the Committee and President of Plaine Commune, Mr. Patrick Braouezec, and had the following speakers: the Mayor of Geneva (Switzerland), Ms. Sandrine Salerno; the Mayor of Várzea Paulista (Brazil), Mr. Eduardo Tadeu Pereira; the Deputy Mayor of Aubagne (France), Ms. Magali Giovannangeli; the Director General of FAMSI (Spain), Mr. Antonio Zurita; and the former President of Habitat International Coalition (HIC), Mr. Enrique Ortiz. 200 people attended the meeting and participated in a fruitful dialogue with speakers for nearly an hour of debate.

AGENDA

4 – 5 November
3rd Forum of Local Governments for Social Inclusion in Andalusia
Malaga, Spain

17 – 20 November
World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders – 3rd UCLG World Congress
Mexico D.F., Mexico

17 November
2nd Bicentenary Meeting 2010 CSIPD
Mexico D.F., Mexico

1 – 3 December
15th Mercociudades Summit
Belo Horizonte, Brazil

2 – 3 December
European Conference: Social Practices and innovations against exclusion in Europe
Crétel, France

13 – 14 December
International Meeting of Mayors for Coexistence
San Sebastian, Spain

15 – 17 December
International Congress on Participatory Democracy and Local Development
Malaga, Spain