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CONFERENCE « 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT »

Lisbon (Portugal), 8 July 2005

PROGRAMME

Venue : Room "Quedá", Cultural Centre Belém

09.00 Arrival and registration of participants

09.30 Formal opening and welcoming speeches by

Mr. **Fernando RUAS**, President of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities

Mr. **Joao Bosco MOTA AMARAL**, former President and member of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, on behalf of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr. **Giovanni DI STASI**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Mr. **José SOCRATES**, Prime Minister, on behalf of the Portuguese Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11h00 Session 1

Chaired by: Mr. Anders KNAPE, Deputy Mayor of Karlstad, Vice-President of the Congress, Sweden

Theme 1

“From the Charter of Versailles to the European Charter of Local Self-government”

Speakers:

Mr. **Louis LE PENSEC**, former Minister, Senator, President of the French Association for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Vice-President of the CEMR, France

Mr. **Jeremy SMITH**, Secretary General of the CEMR

Theme 2

“The Charter: an achievement for democratic stability in Europe? »

Speakers:

Mr. **Philip BLAIR**, Director of Co-operation for Local and Regional Democracy, Council of Europe

Mr. **Hans Ulrich STÖCKLING**, State Councillor, Canton of St Gallen, President of the Institutional Committee of the Congress, Switzerland

Debate

13.00- 14.30 Lunch

14h30

Session 2

“Member states’ commitments to local democracy: assessment of the 10 years of monitoring and interpretation of the Charter”

Chaired by: Mr. Jan MANS, Mayor of Venlo, President of the Institutional Committee of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress, The Netherlands

Speakers:

Mr. **Anatoly SALTYSKOV**, member of the Council of Federation of the Russian Federation, Vice-President of the Congress

Mr. **Francesco MERLONI**, Professor at the University of Perugia, President of the Group of Independent Experts on the Charter, Italy

Debate

Speeches by:

Mr **Vladimir YAKOVLEV**, Minister for Regional Development of the Russian Federation

Mr **Philippe COURARD**, Walloon Minister of the Interior and of Public Office, Belgium

16.00-
16.30

Coffee break

16.30-
18.00

Session 3

“The future of self-government and local democracy in Europe: challenges to be overcome ”

Chaired by: Mr. Guido RHODIO, Mayor of Squillace, member of the Italian delegation to the Congress, Italy

Speakers:

Mr. **Emil CALOTA**, Mayor of Ploiesti, member of the Romanian delegation to the Congress, President of the Association of Municipalities of Romania

Mr. **Wim DEETMAN**, Mayor of The Hague, President of the Association of Dutch Municipalities, First Vice-President of the CEMR, The Netherlands

Debate

Speeches by:

Mrs **Svetlana ORLOVA**, Vice-President of the the Council of Federation of the Russian Federation, Head of the Russian delegation to the Congress

18.00

Closing of the conference and presentation of the conclusions by the President of the Congress