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## **EGP 7th COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Vienna, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

## **Global Greens Workshop**

### **REPORT**

**Chair : Catherine Grèze,**  
**With the contributions of Marco Antonio Mroz, Ralf Fücks and Eva Goës of the**  
**GG 2008 Steering Committee.**

The workshop was naturally focused on the preparation of the  
**Second Global Greens Congress Brazil, May 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Marco Antonio Mroz, from the Brazilian Greens in charge of International issues and the organization of the Congress made the introduction presenting the invitation from Brazil and the Federation of Green Parties of Americas.

Updated information is given explaining the choice of Sao Paulo after the difficulties to organize the Congress in Nairobi.  
Information is given on the work of the Steering Committee and the various groups preparing for Sao Paulo (finance, web, media) and also on the venue in the Memorial of Latin America, Sao Paulo.

As far as the organization is concerned many questions about delegations are asked. The criterias will be very similar to that established for Canberra first Global Green Congress and each party will decide who is to represent them.

#### Congress Agenda :

The draft agenda of the Congress is presented. Ralf Fücks and Eva Goes, both members of the Steering Committee also intervene for its presentation.  
The umbrella topic will be the "climate crisis". A series of workshop will deal with every aspect and its consequences in social, human, economic fields. These workshop could correspond to the outcome of the Congress which should be a "21 points of action plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> century".  
A topic around the issue of big cities will also be largely debated, taking into account the new location of the Congress.

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Heinrich Boell on its side is planning to organize a day of reflection on the development of Global Greens : “Between movements and governmental participation”.

Reactions from the floor are :

Be careful not to give only an environmental image of the Greens. The Congress is the only occasion where Greens from all over meet and they must find the space to discuss other issues such as minorities, gender etc

There is a good reaction on the topic of “big cities” as after all 80 % of the planet lives in cities.

Many topics such as human rights, children traffic, indigenous people, right to food, social questions, economic issues, social justice, globalization, WTO etc have to appear more clearly in the workshops.  
These can appear in link with climate or big cities.

However for other issues such as minorities, sexual orientation, gender but also foreign policy, Middle East, nationalism a space will have to be found as it is more difficult to link them under the umbrella topic of climate.

Proposals :

→ To organize the workshops in three “blocks” to bring some coherence.

→ Following the presentation by Groenlinks of their Resolution on Global Greens and the debate which makes clearly appear the need for a permanent and stronger structure, a small group representing various parties is set up to help the EGP make proposals to the Coordination.

It will be composed of Lin Tabak, Steve Emmott, Tanja Remes, Jean Rossiaud, Didier Coeurnelle and Richard Lawson and coordinated by Catherine Grèze. This is approved by the Council the following day after the debate on the Global Greens Resolution.

Good common work between GroenLinks delegation and the Young Greens for a common resolution.

**Other issues :**

Presentation of the initiative of Abidjan’s Congress to set up a West African Federation: Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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