



8 November 2010

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
13 October 2010
9:00 to 13:30
Lufthansa Center, Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
Beijing, China

1. Peter Götz welcomed those present and thanked them for having taken the time to come to this important meeting.

2. The Country Representative for China of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Wolfgang Meyer, welcomed the guests in the rooms of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and informed them about the work of the Foundation.

3. Markandey Rai, Coordinator, Global Parliamentarians, UN-Habitat, conveyed greetings from UN-Habitat. He announced the changes in the leadership of UN-Habitat.

He also stressed the importance of the meeting of the African Parliamentarians, to be held in Nairobi on 17 November in the UN-Center. He requested the President to participate. He suggested the commissioning of a comparative study in which the recent developments in terms of sustainability and housing supply in different countries are made apparent. Peter Götz reminded everyone of the study commissioned by the German Government which was presented at the European Forum in The Hague and at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver by the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat. He will discuss the issue with the new Executive Director Joan Clos.

Markandey Rai also suggested drafting a Charter of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, together with the Secretary General of the GPH, which could be presented and possibly passed in Zadar. It was agreed to examine this idea. It was noted that this must be done in compliance with the existing statute of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat.

4. In the subsequent report Romeo G. Ortiz informed that the intention is to organize an Asian Forum in Zadar. He conveyed greetings from Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II and said that he would run as Vice President for Asia.

Mariam Nalubega reported on preparations for the African Forum on 17 November 2010 in Nairobi. Amongst other things, a Commission on Housing which deals with issues of housing supply is to be formed.

For Europe, Peter Götz announced that the European Vice President of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, Jerko Rosin, who had represented the GPH on World Habitat

Day (4 October 2010) and at the Steering Committee Meeting of the World Urban Campaign in Shanghai, had been obliged to return to Croatia on Saturday. He informed that the Forum of the European GPH will be held within the framework of the Global Forum from 18 to 20 May 2011 in Zadar, Croatia. He also pointed out that the present President for Europe Senator Igas (Romania) has recently been appointed as Minister of Administration and Interior.

Peter Götz also informed the Board Members that there had been a change in the leadership of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in America. President José Ramón López Martel, who was newly elected in March 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has assumed a new role in Parliament as *Vicecoordinador Parlamentario* and has transferred the leadership to his former Alternate President, Senator Ricardo Fidel Pacheco Rodríguez.

5. Subsequently, the proposals made by Peter Götz and the European Vice President Jerko Rosin for the 7th Global Forum to be held from 18 to 20 May 2011 in Zadar, Croatia, were passed. After a Board Meeting in the morning of 18 May, the opening of the Forum is to take place in the evening of the same day. The conference itself is to take place on 19 May and in the morning of 20 May on the premises of the University of Zadar. The content-related work is to take place in two workshops. External experts should be obtained for this purpose. In the time window between 18 and 20 May, regional meetings may be held. A declaration of Zadar will be prepared jointly between the General Secretariat in Berlin and the host country. It should be adopted on 20 May 2011, after discussion in the Plenary

Mariam Nalubega proposed considering whether it is possible for the parliamentarians to visit the Croatian Parliament. A review of this suggestion was promised.

6. Peter Götz explained that Jerko Rosin would run for President of the GPH-Europe at the European Forum which is also to take place in Zadar.

7. Markandey Rai announced that the 23rd Governing Council UN-Habitat would take place from 11 to 15 April 2011 in Nairobi. He asked the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat to take over a dialogue on 13 April. This was agreed.

The drafting of a position paper of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in preparation for the Governing Council was also discussed, with the aim of presenting the paper at the Governing Council. It was agreed to submit concrete proposals to the General Secretariat until late January 2011.

8. The details for the next World Urban Forum, to be held in June 2012 in Bahrain, will be decided at the Governing Council in April 2011.

9. The next meeting of the Steering Committee of the World Urban Campaign will take place in September 2011 before World Habitat Day. The place has not yet been determined.

The next Board Meeting in which the final preparations for the Global Forum should be discussed, should take place at the latest within the framework of the Governing Council to be held from 11 to 15 April 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

10. The meeting ended around 1 p.m.. The list of participants is attached. The discussion was further deepened in a working lunch hosted by Peter Götz.