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Le Congrès du Conseil de l'Europe signe un accord de coopération avec le Centre Nord Sud

Strasbourg, 02.12.2008 - A l'occasion de la session d'automne du Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe, un accord de coopération a été signé le 2 décembre 2008 entre le Congrès et le Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales (Centre Nord-Sud).

L'accord a été signé par Yavuz Mildon, Président du Congrès et Claude Frey, Président du Conseil exécutif du Centre Nord-Sud, ainsi que par Ulrich Bohner, Secrétaire Général du Congrès et Denis Huber, Directeur exécutif du Centre Nord-Sud.

Grâce à cet accord de coopération, le Congrès pourra s'appuyer sur l'expertise du Centre Nord-Sud en tant que « cellule de réflexion sur les questions Nord-Sud et en tant qu'interface entre le Conseil de l'Europe et le Sud ». L'accord devrait également permettre d'associer davantage des élus locaux et régionaux aux grandes lignes d'action et au programme d'activités du Centre Nord-Sud, notamment pour les sujets d'intérêt commun tels que la coopération euro-méditerranéenne et euro-arabe.

« Le Centre Nord-Sud représente une plate-forme importante pour relayer nos initiatives et donner une impulsion à leur mise en œuvre au-delà de notre continent » a déclaré Yavuz Mildon lors de la cérémonie de signature.

Council of Europe Congress signs a co-operation agreement with the North-South Centre

Strasbourg, 02.12.2008 - On the occasion of the Autumn Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, a co-operation agreement was signed on 2 December 2008 between the Congress and the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre).

The co-operation agreement was signed by Yavuz Mildon, Congress President, and Claude Frey, President of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre, as well as by Ulrich Bohner, Secretary General of the Congress, and Denis Huber, Executive Director of the North-South Centre.

With this co-operation agreement, the Congress will be able to rely on the expertise of the North-South Centre as a "think-tank on North-South issues and interface between the Council of Europe and the South". The agreement will also allow for greater involvement of local and regional elected representatives in the main lines of action of the North-South Centre and its programme of activities, mainly in the areas of Euro-Mediterranean and Euro-Arab co-operation.

"The North-South Centre represents a platform for relaying our initiatives and giving an impetus to their implementation beyond our continent," stated Yavuz Mildon during the signing ceremony.

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress : Yavuz Mildon (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities : Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups : Socialist Group (**SOC**), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (**EPP/CD**),
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (**ILDG**).