

GLOBAL PROGRESSIVE FORUM

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Dear Tibor,

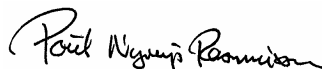
It was a pleasure seeing you in Milan in the framework of the Global Progressive Forum. The event was a great success, with over two thousand participants attending the debates on 9-10 September. Your participation was extremely positive and contributed greatly to the quality of the discussions. Thank you again for your excellent input and for your support for the initiative.

We have received very positive feedback from participants and speakers from the Socialist family, as well as from civil society organisations. It is clear that the event has raised high expectations, which need to be met to ensure the future success of the initiative. The Global Progressive Forum has the potential to become one of the main tools for the Socialists to firmly establish themselves at the forefront of discussions on global governance and development issues.

Global Progressive Forum activities will continue after Milan. The Poverty and Environment initiative will be further developed within a High Level Group. A series of events will be organised around the WTO ministerial summit in Hong Kong in December, under the Trade and Poverty and Social Dimension of Globalisation initiatives, in cooperation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and SOLIDAR. The launch of a Women and Globalisation working group is also being explored, as are future activities within the AIDS campaign and the UN reform initiative.

Please note that all the contributions we have received from the speakers are available on the GPF website (http://www.globalprogressiveforum.org/index.cfm?Content_ID=9864981). I would be grateful if you could also send your intervention for posting on the website. This would very useful for our records and satisfy the many requests we have received in that respect.

Kind regards,



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The Global Progressive Forum was launched in 2003
at an event co-organised by the Party of European Socialists,
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