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Invitation to the 2nd European Left Congress, 24-25 November 2007 in Prague

Prague, 11 November 2007

Dear Comrades, dear Friends

"Ce n'est qu'un début!", "It's just the beginning!", "To je teprve začátek!" – with this slogan we founded three years ago the Party of the European Left – to find together new strength, to be able to influence the EU development from the left and work out concrete alternatives for another European policy in the interest of a social, democratic, sustainable and peaceful Europe, living in solidarity with all the peoples of the world.

Three years after the founding Congress in Rome, the European Left is by now a functional part of the political reality in the European Union. 28 parties of the alternative Left are members or observers of the EL. Since Rome not only new parties and political organizations joined the EL, but also people who haven't been active in politics before, decided to do so. We have started new forms of direct cooperation between members and sympathizers of parties within the EL: various networks and working groups of the EL are concretely working to reverse the neo-liberal trend which has dominated the EU policy for so many years. The EL supports a policy for and including all the people living within the EU or affected by EU policies.

Several joint actions and seminars since the first EL Congress in 2005 demonstrate that the EL started to develop its own profile as a European left force through the productive work of left parties' members in the confederal group GUE/NGL in the European Parliament, the UEL in the Parliamentarian Assembly of the Council of Europe and within the discussion platform of the New European Left Forum (NELF).

Our fight against the EU Bolkestein directive on services, against the militarization of the European Common Foreign and Security Policy, our engagement for a more direct influ-

ence of the people on the decision-making processes through participatory democracy, both at European and national level, are only a few examples of the EL approach.

The neo-liberal rules of the EU internal market as introduced by the Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice treaties, still mark the EU. The French and Dutch peoples said No to the European constitutional treaty, but the European leaders have simply ignored them. Instead of rethinking the European policies, they stick to the old-fashioned form of an intergovernmental conference to avoid a real democratization of EU policies. This would be the only way to be able to rebuild the EU for and with the people. The European Left will go on and cooperate with all the progressive political forces, trade unions, social and democratic movements to develop alternatives and fight the crisis of politics which is a result of the neo-liberal model imposed on Europe during the last twenty years. And for that we want to keep and to deepen our strong ties to alternative left forces worldwide.

Indeed, let us stress: The time has come to turn the page, to work out a new real perspective and to make it come true.

Therefore we are very pleased to invite you or a representative of your party to participate in the 2nd Congress of the Party of the European Left (EL), taking place in Prague on November 24 - 25 2007.

The Congress will focus on challenges and tasks for the European Left, motions on several concrete positions concerning European or international policies and the EL statute. Furthermore, the 2nd Congress will elect the new leadership of the party. As usual the EL women's plenary is going to take place on the eve of the Congress.

We apologize for not being able to cover travel and accommodation costs with the exception of some imperative cases of solidarity. Food and airport transfer will be provided by

Please don't hesitate and contact the EL office in Brussels for any information you may need. Please consider that the Czech Republic is not a member of the Schengen agreement so if you need a visa you should answer as soon as possible.

Looking forward to receiving a positive and soon response from you.

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Enclosure(s)

- plan of venue
- registration form
- to see the Berlin appeal and the decision to convene the congress please have a look on the EL webpage: http://www.european-left.org/press/documentdownload/Berlin Appeal.doc