

# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

## Resolution 1206 (2006) on North-South Co-operation and the Efficiency of the Work of Local and Regional Authorities

The Congress,

1. Having regard to its resolutions on issues in peripheral urban areas: the regional authorities and its resolution on dialogue: the responsibilities of local

2. Having regard to the report of its Committee on Culture and Education on the European Centre for Interdependence and Solidarity (CS) of the Council of Europe;

3. Considering that the fundamental South Centre is raising public awareness of interdependence and solidarity issues of promoting the basic values of democracy in other parts of the world

4. Recognising that since 2001 the mission has become ever more important and that the Action Plan, adopted by the Council of Europe, 3rd Summit in Strasbourg in May 2005, recognises the importance of the Centre in promoting the intercultural dialogue with the neighbouring regions of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Central Asia

5. Noting that local and regional authorities are playing an increasingly important role in promoting understanding of the need to engage operation with the countries of the South and regions have set up substantial programmes of their own and are engaged in the idea that we live in an increasingly interconnected world in which the fate of all countries and bound up with each other;

6. Noting also that in many countries of local and regional authorities are international co-operation activities

7. Considering that local and regional authorities can play an increasing role in such matters as promoting city co-operation, co-development, education, environmental protection and habitat;

8. Considering that most developed countries should reach the Millennium Development Goals and Gross Domestic Product

requires stronger public support but of global interdependence issues is

9. Considering also the commitment of Europe member states to achieve the Millennium Development Goals adopted in September 2000;

10. Appreciating the efforts of the North-South Centre to arouse greater public support notably by increasing and education in the countries, and by developing in countries yet exist programmes of support for policies and funding for this purpose

11. Welcoming the fact that, from the South Centre functions on a "quadrangle" involving governments, parliaments and local authorities and statutory bodies and in its programme

12. Underlining that as local and regional authorities, are close citizens they must play an essential Centre;

13. Consequentially believes that local authorities should further explore participation in the work of the Centre, on the other hand, a number of years ago

14. Stressing that local authorities should work closely with the national associations of authorities, in particular in the South, to promote the democratic transition and importance of the intercultural

15. Recognising that a decentralised approach has several advantages: a better population in the conception and implementation of projects, the setting-up of a better network of links based on sensitivity of the South-South solidarity

16. Recognising that the education policy in Europe and elsewhere becomes increasingly interconnected from a global perspective in the engagement of local authorities succeed;

17. Encouraging national associations in countries where they do not yet exist international arm or joint service agencies and their development activities and concert activities

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instrument of the Council of Europe, into promoting the importance of the North-South dialogue at local and regional level and dialogue with the neighbouring regions of Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Africa.

b. to set up joint activities with the North-South Centre which has opted to aim at facilitating exchanges on best practice in the field of human rights, and as raising public awareness of global problems through the Centre in addressing issues at the local or regional level, as set forth in the Charter of local and regional managing co-operation projects, promoting co-development with the help of migrant communities and either a similar approach strengthening the inter-regional dialogue and co-operation between local and regional authorities in the North and the South in a variety of areas such as democratic governance, poverty alleviation, environmental protection, local democracy; or experience-sharing in the field of local democracy; or

c. to work with the North-South Centre in order to enhance the expertise of the authorities in the North and the South in a variety of areas such as democratic governance, poverty alleviation, environmental protection, local democracy; or experience-sharing in the field of local democracy; or

interest;

