

Resolution adopted by the PES Presidency Brussels, 12 October 2006

Considering the governmental coalition of PES member party SMER with extreme right party SNS;

Considering the Declaration "For a modern, pluralist and tolerant Europe" adopted by the PES Congress in 2001 in Berlin which states "all PES parties adhere to the following principles (...): to refrain from any form of political alliance or co-operation at all levels with any political party which incites or attempts to stir up racial or ethnic prejudices and racial hatred";

The PES Presidency, meeting in Brussels on 12 October 2006,

- 1. takes note of the letter from Robert Fico to Poul Nyrup Rasmussen from 11 October 2006 and its intention to suspend its participation in PES meetings;
- 2. in accordance with Article 3 of the PES Statutes, decides to suspend the provisional membership of SMER-Social Democracy;
- 3. will reassess the situation in June 2007, in the light of the political developments in Slovakia and on the basis of exchange of information and contacts between SMER-Socialdemocracy and the PES.

The PES Presidency is the only body entitled to reverse this decision.

