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To Member Parties, Consultative
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WORLD ALLIANCE OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL

Motion by the Austrian Socialist Party

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The World Alliance of the Socialist International is intended to constitute the framework for a loose relation between the Socialist International and these various organizations; the World Alliance of the Socialist International will not entail or lead to political obligations or commitments. The Socialist International intends to establish and cultivate contacts of a permanent character with various popular parties and progressive movements in countries of the Third World. The main purpose is to come to a mutual understanding between the traditional social democratic parties and these movements in the developing countries.

The World Alliance of the Socialist International will have to organize free exchanges of view in various suitable forms; round table talks, meetings of delegates or party leaders' conferences. These contacts, talks and discussions will only be free, uninhibited and inspired by mutual trust and respect if the World Alliance of the Socialist International - from the outset - refrains from adopting resolutions which might commit persons or organizations belonging to the Alliance.

The Socialist International does not want to have any relations with reactionary or fascist movements. Some individual member parties of the Socialist International have relations with communist parties whereas other individual member parties refuse to have such relations; the World Alliance of the Socialist International as such does not want to include communist organizations, no matter whether their tendencies and political character are openly declared or whether they appear under camouflage.

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