Dear members,

As announced during the II UCLG World Congress in Jeju, South Korea, the UCLG Committee on Peripheral Cities will organise the II World Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP) in May 2010 in the city of Getafe (metropolitan area of Madrid (Spain)).

A paper on interdependent, sustainable and democratic metropolises in the 21st century is now being developed by the Committee members and is expected to be adopted in the Forum. This document will be opened to contributions from other UCLG Committees, Regional and Metropolitan Sections, capital cities, researchers and local government associations.

In order to stimulate the debate and to make broad consultations possible, it is envisaged to organise preparatory meetings in different parts of the world. The aim is to enable the “voice” of peripheries to be heard and to facilitate exchange of experiences around common problems. Our ultimate objective is to ensure that the present and the future of metropolises guarantee “living together”, solidarity, citizen participation and a sustainable planet.

We are pleased to inform that in collaboration with the Mexican partners of Ecatepec (metropolis of Mexico City), a special session has been organised in the upcoming FLACMA Congress. The Session entitled “Recentralisation, peripheral spaces in the development of metropolises” will take place 28 August in Mexico City. Among the
speakers we can highlight the presence of **Gerald Perreau Bezouille**, First Deputy Mayor of Nanterre (France – Co-president of the Committee), **Roque Da Silva**, International Relations of Osasco (Brazil - Vice president of the Committee), **Claudio Sule**, Representative of Ciudad Sur (Chile) and **Genaro Soto**, Deputy Mayor of *Villa El Salvador*, Co - president of the Committee (Peru).

A preparatory session of the II FALP will take place on 26 August organised by the city of Ecatepec in collaboration with "FALP for interdependent metropolises, gathering local authorities from Latin America, in particular from Mexico, actors from civil society and researchers from the Autonomous University of Mexico City.

For further information about these two meetings, please contact Alejandro Luevano: *luevano21@yahoo.com.mx* and Lucia Sanchez: *lsanchez_ecatepec@yahoo.com.mx*

The UCLG Committee on Peripheral Cities will be further involved in the meeting of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy (25th August, Mexico DF), aimed at preparing the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion within the framework of next World Social Forum, 27th January – 1st February 2009 in Belem (Brazil).

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Yours faithfully,

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on behalf of UCLG Committee on Peripheral Cities