HIC activities in the III World Urban Forum
Vancouver BC, June 18-24 2006

The next annual events of Habitat International Coalition will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from 18 to 24 June 2006, coinciding with the III World Urban Forum. At the moment, HIC activities in Vancouver include:

I. **Inside WUF:**

- **Three Networking Events for articulation and exchange:** i) Monitoring the Right to Adequate Housing (HLRN/HIC); ii) Urban watches / observatories: tools and facilities for more effective actions through better decision-making processes (HSEN/HIC); iii) Social Production of Habitat (HIC with InWent and UN-Habitat, ROLAC)

- **Round Table:** critical revision 30 years after Vancouver 1976, from the perspective of today’s relevant cases, with many failed policies, real estate interest and few respect to people’s process (Harare, Banda Aceh y New Orleans). Monday 19th; 3-6 pm.

- **Speaker corner:** a meeting point, debate and presentation of materials, open to HIC members, social movements and communities, to share experiences dealing with multiple phases of struggles for the right to housing, land and the city. A LDC project and a computer will be available for presentations and videos.

- **HIC 30th anniversary:** preparation and dissemination of a CD Rom that compiles documents to retrieve HIC memories (message, initiatives and perspectives).

II. **Outside WUF:**

- **Working Group on Globalization and Privatization:** in coordination with Canadian and US groups, HIC is proposing an alternative activity outside WUF to go on with the working plan and to support regional/local struggles.

- **Rally:** to support the demands of local and regional groups of homeless and tenants. Monday 19, 10 am.

- **Board Meeting:** an operative meeting on 18th and the 23rd June, all day long. If necessary the Executive Committee will gather the 24th in the morning. Main issues include: implementation of the Strategic Lines (2005-2007), membership, elections, and HIC evaluation. A draft agenda will be distributed later for your comments. The meeting will take place at YWCA Hotel were most of HIC members will be hosted.

- **General Assembly:** A proposed agenda will be drafted and distributed later for your comments by the General Secretariat in the coming weeks.

III. **Other activities:**

- HIC has been working with diverse networks on the World Charter for the Right to the City and there is a common interest to learn more on the progresses of this processes, the debate and perspective to deepen its contents and world-wide approach. From HIC Presidency and Latin American Office we are searching a space for this activity.

- An on-line debate to prepare the roundtable mentioned in the letter.

- Diverse activities called by HIC structures in coordination with other networks (HSEN, WAS) will be announced by the Secretariat.
Lodging and Board Meeting

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