

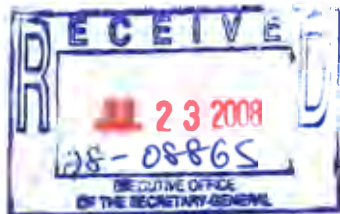
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Venice, 14 July 2008

Object: Union for the Mediterranean

The International Federation for sustainable development and fight against poverty in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea area, FISP MED, that is composed by 215 member-partners belonging to 38 different countries of the Euro-Mediterranean and Black Sea area, representing more than 1,6 million citizens, wishes to express its full appreciation for the positive results of the Paris Summit of the 13 July 2008 dedicated to the official constitution of the Union for the Mediterranean.

This process should be irreversible and should proceed quickly and concretely.

We'd like to stress the fact that the added value of the Union for the Mediterranean (and the Black Sea) primarily consists on the political impulse that it will impress on the Mediterranean cooperation and the mobilization of the civil society, of the enterprises, of the local entities, associations and ngos.

The Union for the Mediterranean (and, we add, the Black Sea as well) should be, in fact, the core and the engine of the cooperation in the Mediterranean-Black Sea and for the Mediterranean-Black Sea. It should render more clear and visible the actions developed by the various institutions in favour of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The Union should be founded on the principles of cooperation, inclusion, participation and democracy.

All these aspects are also mentioned in various points in the joint declaration that you've subscribed at the conclusion of the Summit in Paris.

We, hereby, would like to call your attention so that policies and projects adopted may include concrete actions for the involvement of the people of this basin.

The FISP MED, as indicated in the letters already sent to the Governments of FISP MED member partner countries through the Ambassadors in Rome (of the 27th June 2008 and 8th July 2008) has expressed completely its own point of view and it has indicated its operative proposal that we strongly hope may be adopted in the next meeting of November 2008.

Best regards,


Roberto Russo
The President of the FISP MED

