



Secretariat-General

Hamburg & México City, 5th August 2006

Dear colleagues, dear members of the Club of Rome,

**RE: Postponement of Annual Conference 2006 in Mexico City**

Please note that with great regret we have to inform you that our Annual Conference 2006 in Mexico City, scheduled from 6-9 October 2006, cannot be held as planned and has to be postponed accordingly.

Recent internal political developments in Mexico have created an insecure situation where the consistency of our programme cannot be guaranteed. This is given our aim to include top government officials of the host country in our meetings with intent to seek implementation of conference findings and conclusions. Moreover, given the vulnerable state of affairs, the financing of the conference is not yet fully assured.

Jointly with our Mexican colleagues, the Secretariat-General had been working consistently in preparing a high-level programme which, due to the above reasons, could not be implemented at this point in time.

Nevertheless, in place of our Annual Conference the Mexican Association decided to explore the possibility of a more feasible national and regional conference around the 6th and 7th October with a stronger focus on the Americas. Some of our Club's members might want to participate in such a meeting. From Europe, we would be prepared to consider supporting such a meeting, e.g. with speakers pertinent to the theme of migration. Any new developments in this respect will be shared with you as soon as programme details have been confirmed.

The Mexican Association is looking at the possibility of holding our Annual Conference in February next year. After submission of the proposal to the Executive Committee, we will let you know in due time whether this will be possible.

Please accept our apologies for the late notice of our decision but we have been trying up until now to ensure a smooth execution of all organisational aspects. A range of our colleagues had already agreed to actively participate in our conference. But given the unstable political circumstances, we have taken the difficult decision not to hold our Annual Conference in Mexico at this stage.

We would like to thank all colleagues involved for their preparatory work. Their efforts already taken to organise our meeting are much appreciated.

We hope that the reorganisation will not cause too much of an inconvenience.

Kind regards

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