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1. General contributions to the electoral program of the PSE to the Elections of the 2009.

1. The Manifesto does not have to leave place to doubts on the bet of the PSE by to continue deepening the European construction with the objective to reach the federal political union. It happens, at the moment, by the commitment to effectively develop to the maximum to the Treaty of Lisbon in all those new competitions attributed to the UE by he himself as it forms to respond democratic and to the citizen demands and the challenges of the present and of the future. The Manifesto must specify the will of the PSE to conform a progressive majority in the European Parliament able to lead such development, promoting the amplest consensus in that sense to the set of pro-European forces of the Camera. The European Socialists are arranged to vertebrate one ample favourable centre-left current to the political union that it expresses the aspirations of the citizenship more it jeopardize with the European construction.

2. The PSE is favourable a to continue with the extension of the European Union through the present negotiations of adhesion with the countries candidates and the strict fulfilment of the criteria of Copenhagen, today formalized in the text of the Treaty of Lisbon, only limit that can pay attention to united Europe.

3. The European socialism considers essential to guarantee operation to total rate of the process of legislative elaboration and adoption of decisions established in the Treaty of Lisbon, that substantially increases the powers of the European Parliament. The UE must make whichever decisions are necessary to improve the daily life of people: neither the more nor the less. The use as it regulates of the qualified majority and the codecision between Advice and eurocamara must be seen reinforced by the beginning of the reinforced cooperation when it is precise and with the Maxima participation of the regions and the municipalities in the European subjects. We will impel the urgent and flexible regulation of a fundamental instrument as the European Citizen Initiative. We propose the restoration of the figure of the European referendum for the substantive modification of the Treaty of the UE and the transnational lists to the European Parliament. We supported the recognition and promotion of the cultural and linguistic diversity of Europe like one of its main wealth and identities.

4. For PSE, one of the first tasks of the new cycle that is opened in the UE with the Treaty of Lisbon it is to reinforce the space of freedom, security and justice, promoting the legal harmonization and the judicial and penal cooperation. In that frame, the combat against the terrorism from the right state has to be a priority of priorities of the UE. Also it must be acted with force in front of all bud of racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism. We propose to make compatible the legislations to harmonize the new rights generated in some states



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members (by example, in new situations like the generated ones by the marriage between people of he himself sex

5. For the PES, political union also includes economic and social union. Currently, the development of the latter is clearly insufficient and asymmetrical. It is necessary to take advantage of all the new opportunities offered by the Treaty of Lisbon (from the Charter of Fundamental Rights to the horizontal clauses) to set up a new social Europe, in particular the immediate objectives of the Treaty: strengthening the welfare state and ensuring the universality of efficient and qualified state services; the fight against social dumping; the establishment of long-lasting, secure and of quality employment; the substantial increase in contribution of wages to the total income; equal salary and working conditions between genders; the security of personal autonomy; and the inclusion of immigrant workers. Besides, according to socialists, achieving a high economic growth rate needs to renew the Lisbon Agenda to improve the quality of primary and secondary education, as well as occupational training. Moreover, it is necessary to create a genuine European Higher Education Area and to increase investment in R&D&I.

6. The PES considers that regional cohesion –both economic and social- must remain a key objective of the EU. We fully support the reform and improvement of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), as a key instrument for ensuring food safety, territorial planning and local development. Moreover, it is necessary to improve the resources for financial solidarity and economic integration within regions, and to promote cooperation among EU member states.

7. For the PES gender equality is not another value or objective that distinguish the EU, but the backbone of all of them. Another essential condition for socialists is the formal practice of gender equality in the European society. The EU should significantly reinforce the policies for equal opportunities between men and women and should assume the fight against violence towards women, as it is acknowledged in the Treaty of Lisbon. The European socialism proposes that the next European Commission will adopt an organization with full gender equality. Moreover, legislation should be amended so that nominations in the 2014 European elections will represent equally to men and women.

8. The management of immigration is both a challenge and an opportunity. The Treaty of Lisbon allows designing a genuine European policy on immigration. PSE considers that the EU must combat illegal immigration, but in combination with the promotion of sustainable development in the southern hemisphere. However, above all, it is necessary to organize the legal immigration by multilateral agreements between countries and the involvement of the productive sectors. Any measure to manage immigration should respect the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, both in national laws and international conventions. We propose the launching of a Common European Asylum System and to reinforce the Frontex Agency.



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9. European socialists want the EU to be a force of peace, freedom and solidarity in the world. With this aim in mind, it is essential to make the most of the new opportunities opened up by the Treaty of Lisbon –as a common foreign policy or the reinforcement of the European Defense and Security policies- to foster a new international order based on multilateralism and respect for international law, as well as to govern globalization, democratizing and socializing it.

The PES propose that Europe refuse to resort to force as a means to impose strategic interests, while at the same time committing to participate in as many peace or humanitarian missions within its reach. The European Union must bet on a complete renewal of the role of the United Nations –acting with a single voice at the very heart of it- , a reorientation of the policies of both the IMF and the World Bank and a substantial increase of the development and cooperation funds.

In this respect, we pledge our firm commitment to the resumption and completion of the Doha Development Round for a sustainable development, an immediate reform of the WTO and a new kind of world trade, more respectful with labour rights and environmental protection. Unconditional defense of human rights and democracy must be a priority in the EU foreign policy, along with intercultural dialogue and the Alliance of Civilizations. Promoting the Barcelona Process and multilateral relations with Central and South America are also top priorities for the Party of European Socialists, as well as maintaining bilateral relations with the United States of America based on a joint action on equal terms and with mutual respect.

10. The PES actively support a comprehensive completion of the *Climate Action* prepared by the European Commission, as well as the success of the post-Kyoto talks in the UN summit taking place in Copenhagen at the end of 2009. We believe these are both appropriate tools to fight climate change, a real threat for our planet which has already been scientifically proved. Facing this challenge is only possible with true political will and models of sustainable development which include a common energetic policy within the Union, promoting the use of renewable sources above all other alternatives.



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2. Europe in the world

1. Bringing the countries of the Southern Shore of the Mediterranean Sea closer to the EU, through common foreign policies based on cooperation, help and commitment. Thus, Europe should prove to be a referent and take the lead for everybody to follow. With this approach, the PES creates attainable benchmarks for those who want to walk the same road as the European Union.
2. Engage the economic cooperation treaties with other countries to the commitment with Human Rights Chart and climatic and social warranties. PSE must be a guarantor of solidarity, strengthening its position and its deep commitment with developing countries, climatic change, and Welfare State.
3. Carry out a strategy of tariff policy that promotes, ensures and benefits fair trade development. By promoting these values, the PSE reinforces its commitment with development and solidarity with developing countries.
4. The PSE should advocate for a single maritime administration throughout Europe. A single European maritime registration led by European officials.

3. European democracy and diversity

5. European subsidies should aim more directly to citizens, avoiding intermediate steps, ensuring that way a better information about them and widening the opportunities that EU offer to citizenship.
6. UE Institutions should be more democratic and transparent. This way UE and citizens will feel closer. The PSE needs to stand at the forefront of Europeism
7. UE should create controls and call for transparency in economic contributions from UE to other institutions or citizens. In addition of the Good Practice Rules, this measure wants to fight against corruption, and even more important, to strengthen relationship between UE and citizens.
8. EU should empower information channels to citizens. With the creation of the "European Houses", meeting points to achieve information about subsidies, politics and positions that EU is taking. PSE should open EU to citizens, and should do it from the forefront with these measures.



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9. Creation of the European unified electoral system.
10. Try that the opening of new UE offices does not duplicate functions and European officials as happens with national and regional administrations.

4. Let's save the Planet

11. In order to fulfil the assumed compromises in the fight against Global Warming and low the European dependence of fossil resources, the PES will encourage the development and usage of new technologies and renewal energies.

12. The PES understands the key role of non-polluting transport in the fight for a sustainable development. Therefore the PES will support the establishment of a European cycleway network and the homologation of the cycle paths safety requisites.

5. The new social Europe

13. The PSE should face immigration politics from the point of view of justice, diversity empowerment and migration order. This way the PSE will be the alternative against the racist speech of the European right-wing, keeping its identity and its own politics. Giving immigrants the possibility of a worthy return, letting them carrying wealth and knowledge to their countries of origin, creating at the same time more developing possibilities for their respective countries. Besides, the empowerment of this “worthy return” of the immigrants who wish it will able to extent on their countries the European social and democratic values.

14. As for maintaining the social core of the EU, the PES will emphasize the necessity of a strong civil society. Only by promoting the development of social movements, Europe will keep on the lead of the political and social thinking.

15. The PES will guarantee the social rights of all European Citizens, offering an alternative to the current model of state by ensuring the welfare state system. In order to achieve that, the PES will promote a common frame on social politics which will ensure the existence of at least a minimum social legislation in all member states.

16. The PES understands that citizens are the heart of the European Union; moreover the PES is aware of the difficulties that European families face in their daily life. Therefore



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the PES will promote partnership policies that will conciliate the personal and the labour life, raising the quality of life of European citizens.

17. The PES is committed to promote the mobility of European Citizens within the EU Members States; therefore the PES will promote a new mobility strategy. This strategy will adopt measures as the establishment of an European agency of (house) renting. This way the UE will facilitate as much as possible the free movement of their citizens with in its territory. With measures like economic helps, necessary rules, agreement with the companies, and the creation of a renting-net, should be easier for EU citizens the labour mobility within European countries, or different university studies in any area of the UE.

18. The fulfilment of the companie's social responsability is fundamental for the PES. Therefore the PES will promote the establishment of social and environmental standards for all the enterprises that will obtain contracts in any work payed with EU funds. These standards will be requested not just for the companies that get a direct contract with the EU, but also to any subcontracted company.

19. European directive over private security which guarantees the proper formation and democratic respect of people working in security and at the same time allowing them the free movement within the UE in the exercise of their duty.