

16 FEBRUARY - JOSE MARIA AZNAR, RE-ELECTED CDI'S PRESIDENT

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Spanish Head of Government, José María AZNAR was re-elected President of the Centrist Democrat International in the CDI Leaders’ Meeting held in Madrid on February 12th and 13th. Spanish Prime Minister was unanimously elected and will lead this organization for two more years.

Mikulas DZURINDA, Prime Minister of Slovakia, and András PASTRANA, Ex Prime Minister of Colombia, were elected vice presidents of the CDI replacing Antonio DURán ILLA, leader of Union Democratic of Catalonia, and Ciro RAMIREZ PINZán, of the Colombian Conservative Party.

The CDI Executive Committee approved in Madrid "GLOBAL ACTION GUIDELINES: FREEDOM, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT", a document that calls for international cooperation regarding terrorism and supports its victims.

Considering that domestic or family violence is one of the most worrying phenomena occurring worldwide, CDI members agreed a resolution that condemns all forms of domestic violence and calls for the adoption of "appropriate legislation" and "effective sentences to offenders".

Executive Committee also approved several resolutions on the national situation of Moldova, Lebanon and Cambodia.

CDI Leader’s Meeting in Madrid ended with a public event with the participation of more than 500 people. All the Prime Ministers attending this CDI Leaders’ Meeting gave his support to Mariano RAJOY, Partido Popular secretary general and candidate to Head of the Spanish Government in next elections on March 14.

Wilfried MARTENS, EPP President, received in this public act the Aristidies Calvani medal in recognition of his lasting dedication