

To the members of the Socialist International

Dear Comrades,

I address you in my capacity as Vice-President of the Socialist International and President of the SI Africa Committee.

At the recent meeting of our Presidium in New York, the candidacy of Mr Pedro Sánchez, Vice-President of the SI and President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, to occupy the presidency of the SI, was publicly announced by the session's president. Following this, comrade Miguel Vargas, leader of the PRD, Dominican Republic, SI Vice-President and President of the SI Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, also presented officially, on behalf of his regional committee, the candidacies of Pedro Sanchez, as president; and of Luis Ayala, as General Secretary of the SI.

For my part, I fully supported the proposals made by comrade Miguel Vargas. I was very happy to welcome the candidacy of Pedro Sánchez for the presidency of the SI. I maintained that the SI family recognizes itself in Mr Pedro Sánchez not only through his actions at the head of the Spanish government, but also through his regular presence at SI meetings. I said with strong conviction that he would be able to relaunch the activities of the SI and imprint a new dynamic on the basis of the priorities he set down. However, to succeed in this mission, he needs the support of the custodian of the memory of the last years of our organization before planting his own markers.

Therefore, the formula of Pedro Sánchez as President and Luis Ayala as Secretary General, would offer us the best chance of success, especially in these difficult times that the world is experiencing.

My support for Luis' candidacy has been unambiguous. The members of the Africa Committee know him well because he is almost the only one who comes to us in Africa. In this world increasingly marked by conflicts of interest and crises, it is best to deal with someone you know.

During the meeting of the Presidium, I very clearly expressed my support and that of the Africa Committee for this proposal and I announced the actions that I could undertake with other African leaders for massive support for this candidacy.

I am all the more at ease, as the President of the SI has personally recognized that "Luis AYALA gave his whole life to the SI and dedicated his whole life to the promotion of the SI".

The time has therefore come to reaffirm to you all my support for the candidacy of Luis Ayala for the post of Secretary General of the SI.

Wishing you good reception, please accept my deepest consideration.

Dr Bokary Treta

President of the RPM of Mali, Vice-President of the SI and President of the SI Africa Committee.

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