



CITTA' DI TORINO

COUNCIL GROUP FORZA ITALIA
Town Councillor Michele Coppola

Turin, 18th September 2003

Mr HEWSON,

It's with a mix of emotion, pride and joy that I write you to inform you that on the last 15th September Turin's City Council has approved my proposal of delivering you our most important dignity for a non Turin citizen: the Honorary Citizenship.

Among our honorary citizens we count: Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchu'.

I'm the youngest Turin's City Councillor and this makes me even more proud in saying that this is a new achievement for young people, for your fundamental engagement and even for my city.

Various reasons brought me to ask this so significant honour, but watching a "rock-star" believing so strongly in a better world, with no distance, more interested in what happens in few hundreds kilometres distance from us, and explaining it to us and leading us in understanding it, this is a duty for us to get really involved in doing our task, it is for sure the best lesson we receive and we are in deep need of such a lesson.

Perhaps we've forgotten the taste of politics and probably we are afraid to recognize the deep need of a new engagement among the young.

I heard of the invitation you received for The World Political Forum's next session on 23rd and 24th October in Turin.

In a few days, you'll receive Turin City's official communication of the already delivered Honorary Citizenship and the invitation to come and receive it personally.

It would be marvellous to let the two events coincide: in Turin again, at the Forum again!

I hope to have the chance to see you early, already in October!

With my Best Regards and High Consideration,

Yours
Michele COPPOLA