This document is submitted for APPROVAL to delegates of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators at its 11th Session.

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

11th Session
29 November 2005, Room 2, New Building, OECD Headquarters, Paris

Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 10th Session

3. Opening Remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat

4. Urban Functional Regions (UFR): Proposal for an OECD Definition and Classification

5. Regional Equity in Health Systems: a Comparative Analysis of OECD Countries

6. Identifying Regional Clusters: Evidence from the Geographic Distribution of Unemployment

Lunch break 13:00 – 15:00

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00

7. OECD Regions at a Glance 2007: Draft Table of Content

8. The OECD Regional Database: Data Collection and Dissemination

9. Identifying the Determinants of Regional Performances in the UK

10. Assessing Regional Sustainability: a Benchmark Approach

11. Agriculture Employment in Rural Regions: Implications for the Coherence of Agriculture and Rural Policies

12. Other business

Coffee breaks will take place at approximately 11:00 and 16:30
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ANNOTATIONS

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Item 3: Opening Remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat

1. The Chair will make introductory remarks on the agenda items of the meeting.

2. Mr. Mario Pezzini, on behalf of the Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV), will brief the Working Party on the latest developments within the OECD. In particular, he will report on the process envisaged for the preparation of the TDPC Programme of Work 2007-08.

   ➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 4: Urban Functional Regions (UFR): Proposal for an OECD Definition and Classification

3. Further to the request by the delegates to the WPTI at its 10th Session, the Secretariat will present a revised proposal for an OECD Urban Functional Regions (UFR): Proposal for an OECD Definition and Classification. This definition, which is complementary to existing Regional Typology, aims to increase international comparability among OECD large urban regions.

   ➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 5: Regional Equity in Health Systems: a Comparative Analysis of OECD Countries

4. This document presents a project on “Geographical Equity in Health” based on a comparative analysis of the OECD Member States. The project consists of two parts: the first part defines the objectives and the methodology of the project and identifies selected indicators for an international comparison of regional equity in health care and health outcomes. The second part, presents a questionnaire for the validation of the regional statistics already available and for the collection of the new regional data.

   ➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 6: Identifying Regional Clusters: Evidence from the Geographic Distribution of Unemployment

5. The Secretariat will present the preliminary results of a study on regional clusters in OECD countries. The aim of this study is to analyse the factors leading to agglomeration economies and to help to define more appropriate unit of statistical analysis based on regional clusters. In this first phase, the project will look at the geographic distribution of unemployment rates as a tool to identify regional clusters. Not only has unemployment rate an obvious policy relevance but it also permits to focus on agglomeration economies.

   ➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps
Item 7: OECD Regions at a Glance 2007: Draft Table of Content

6. This document presents a proposal for the table of content of the “OECD Regions at a Glance” to be published at the end of 2007.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 8: The OECD Regional Database: Data Collection and Dissemination

7. This document will present the place of the Regional Database within the new OECD data warehouse (OECD.STAT) and discuss the implications for the collection and dissemination of regional data.

➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 9: Identifying the Determinants of Regional Performances in the UK

8. Mr. Dev Virdee and Ms Daniela News (UK) will present the results of a study on the determinants of regional performances in the UK, based on methodology developed by the OECD Working Party on Territorial Indicators.

➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 10: Assessing Regional Sustainability: a Benchmark Approach

9. Ms. Antonia Milbert (Germany) will present the results of a study on regional sustainable development in Europe based on the analysis of 37 synthetic indicators of economic competitiveness and sustainability, social justice, and preservation of natural resources. The presentation will focus on the methodology to build synthetic indicators of sustainability at the level of regions, urban agglomerations and rural areas.

➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 11: Agriculture Employment in Rural Regions: Implications for the Coherence of Agriculture and Rural Policies

10. Mr. Ray Bollman (Canada) will present the results of a study on the economic weight of agriculture in rural regions and on the implications for the coherence of agricultural and rural policies.

➢ Action required: for information and discussion