The Summary Record of the 6th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas is submitted to delegates for APPROVAL at its 7th Session.

The 7th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas will be held on 1 June 2005, back to back with an International Conference on Enhancing Cities' Attractiveness for the Future, hosted by the Government of Japan in the city of Nagoya, Aichi from 2-3 June.

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Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

1. The Agenda was adopted.

Item 2: Election of the Bureau

2. Delegates elected the Bureau. No replacements or additional nominations were made.
   Chair: Mr. T. Hara (Japan)
   Vice-Chairs: Ms. C. Bersani (France)
               Ms. B. Helff (Germany)
               Ms. A. Ruden (Norway)
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Item 3: Approval of the Summary Record of the 5th Meeting

3. The Delegate of Japan pointed out an error on page 9 and requested deleting the reference to the city of Nagoya, Japan as a candidate for a territorial review. The Secretariat agreed to amend the Summary Record [GOV/TDPC/URB/M(2003)1], which was then approved by the Working Party.

Item 4: TDPC Programme of Work and Mandate

4. The Director of GOV, Mrs. Odile Sallard, presented the draft programme of work 2005-06 and the new mandate 2005-09 [GOV/TDPC(2004)2 & 3]. The three main features of the new programme of work are the shift from activities to output, the higher integration between the TDPC and its Working Parties, and the strong focus on regional competitiveness. Delegates supported the output based focus of the programme of work, which incorporates the concerns of policy makers regarding urban policies. The Secretariat responded to questions concerning the contribution of the Working Party and the link between sub and final outputs. The discussions highlighted the importance of increasing the interlinkages between the work of the Working Parties and the TDPC. In particular, the development of indicators to take on a holistic approach to all aspects of importance to regional development. Also, cross-border initiatives were evoked as a useful means to add value to regional competitiveness and thus to existing work. The Director stressed that work devoted to this area depended on the importance the TDPC and Working Parties attached to it. The results of the recent prioritisation exercise showed that this dimension was ranked relatively low. The Chair, Mr. Takayuki Hara informed that he would report on the outcome of the Working Party’s discussion at the TDPC the following day where the mandate and the programme of work are submitted for discussion and approval.

5. Mr. Adam Ostry, from the Privy Office of Canada and Workshop Chair, reported on the Workshop on The Fiscal Challenges of Metropolitan Areas: The Perspective of the Central Government, which was held the previous day on 1 June. Delegates welcomed the opportunity to discuss in detail an important issue of the programme of work and to assess potential future work in this area.
Item 5: Multi-level Governance and Competitiveness: 
The Case of the Mexico City Metropolitan Area

6. The Secretariat introduced the report [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)1&2]. M. Perez Lizaur, Delegate of Mexico, commended the report and the assessments and recommendations, which provide valuable insights to policy makers on metropolitan governance and the competitiveness of regions. He welcomed the opportunity to share experiences with member countries on issues underlined in the report regarding the means to improve co-ordination in large metropolitan areas, including the role of Agencies, innovative horizontal and vertical co-ordination mechanisms and the use of fiscal incentives. The Secretariat responded to Delegates’ questions taking into account their comments and suggestions to be conveyed in the Chair’s presentation to the TDPC at its 11th Session the following day, where the report is submitted for approval.

Items 6 – 10: Interim Reports

7. The following items are proposals for the Working Party’s contribution to the TDPC Programme of Work together with findings from preliminary research. The Secretariat’s presentations provided the Working Party with the opportunity to discuss the objectives, scope and methodology of the planned work and to provide guidance to the Secretariat.

Item 6: Intermediate Findings on Local and Regional Economic Development and Environmental Management

8. The Secretariat presented the report that describes tools and institutional arrangements stemming within these priorities, and offers some intermediary findings for discussion in order to determine the scope for international co-ordination and the next steps [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)3]. The Secretariat thanked the United States for their financial support on this project. Delegates were supportive of the project and specific comments were made by Delegates from Canada, Greece, Hungary, Spain and the United Kingdom. The need was expressed to weave a more comprehensive, holistic story to show the linkages between environmental sustainability and other pillars of sustainability. In addition, a clearer distinction between the work carried out in the Environment Directorate and the work carried out in the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV) could be helpful. Last, it was suggested that an explanation of the full implications of all these policies should be covered, to reflect better the management of local environment by integrating the nature of policies, including the concept of mobility in public transport as a good means to assess movement on the territory. The Secretariat informed delegates that the results of this work would be compiled in an issues paper followed by a publication. The organisation of a workshop is envisaged to gather experts, to discuss findings and obtain guidance for future work. The Secretariat noted delegates’ comments and suggestions that will be taken into account in the follow-up.

Item 7: Better Integrating Spatial Planning and Economic Development in Urban and Rural Municipalities of Densely Populated Regions

9. The Secretariat presented a preliminary report on “Better Integrating Spatial Planning and Economic Development in Urban and Rural Municipalities of Densely Populated Regions [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)4]. The report examines innovative spatial planning approaches which focus more on improving economic development rather than simply controlling land use. The activity will involve both the Urban Working Party and the Rural Working Party as a key aim is to review ways and means of enhancing synergies and reducing conflicts between urban and rural municipalities of densely populated regions where development pressures are strong and give rise
to important spatial disparities in economic opportunities and quality of life. Delegates were invited to transmit case studies and relevant information to the Secretariat by 30th August in order to enrich the preliminary background report which will form the basis for a Conference in 2005 and provide input for the TDPC Analytical Report on Infrastructures and Spatial Development Policies for Regional Competitiveness as well as for the TDPC Report on Policy Strategies for Regional Competitiveness. The delegates of Italy, Greece, and the United Kingdom welcomed the project, noting that it was particularly timely. It was suggested that, in addition to the role of spatial planning in improving inter-sectoral co-ordination, institutional, economic and financial aspects should be addressed in as much as they relate directly to the innovations which are occurring in the relationship between spatial planning and economic development in Member countries.

**Item 8: Private Participation in Major Infrastructure Development: Stocktaking Report**

10. The Secretariat proposed the new study on “Private Participation on Major Infrastructure Development” [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)10]. First, the study aims to provide the policy makers with practical tools or models of achieving the sustainable development of territories by private provision of networking-infrastructure which consist of two main components: transport networks including seaports & airports and ICT infrastructure. Second, the study aims to review and develop best policies on how to apply lessons from the past experiences of the private participation to new infrastructure such as ICT. Delegations expressed their interest and support for the study. Specific comments were received by Greece, Italy and the United Kingdom. Reference was made to several types of infrastructure to be looked into. In particular, delegates stressed the importance of capacity building for public sector in order to reach a successful Public-Private-Partnership (PPP). The Secretariat noted the comments made and thanked delegates emphasising that the study would focus on infrastructures which have comprehensive impacts on regions in terms of enhancing regional competitiveness.

**Presentation on New Capital City Project of Korea**

11. The Delegation of Korea, Member of the Task Force on the New Capital City Project of Korea, made a presentation on the Project. The Chair thanked the Delegate of Korea for the presentation.

**Item 9: Report on Socially Sustainable Housing – Scope for and Barriers to Improvement**


12. Following the presentation by the secretariat on the two interim reports on socially sustainable housing and sustainable use of building stock (the latter report was submitted for information only) [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)6&7] and [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)8&9], delegates expressed their appreciation of past work as well as support for the direction of the future work. Specific comments were made by Canada, Japan, Norway and the United Kingdom. Several issues were raised as possible areas of analysis for the case studies planned as the next step of work on socially sustainable housing. These include empowering local authorities to address housing problems, which was suggested as a new aspect of governance related issues. It was also proposed that innovative local authorities be invited to the working party in order to comment on their relevant experiences.
Item 10: Policies to Enhance the Attractiveness of Urban Environment

13. Following the presentation by the Secretariat on the issues paper on polices to enhance the attractiveness of urban environment [GOV/TDPC/URB(2004)10], the Delegates of Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom expressed their interest and support for the direction of future work, stressing that attractiveness, urban image and cultural richness are becoming increasingly important for cities to be competitive by attracting talented people and investment, and that such factors should also be addressed in urban policies in addition to economic-efficiency-related factors. The secretariat stressed that contributions from member countries on their national experience in this field would be crucial to the pursuance of the project.

Item 11: Other Business

14. At the proposal of the Government of Japan, the next session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas will be held in Nagoya, Japan on 1 June 2005, back to back with an International Symposium on Enhancing Cities’ Attractiveness for the Future, 2 - 3 June. Full details on the venue, programme, registration, etc. will be issued in due course.
ANNEX 1

PARTICIPANTS LIST FOR 6TH SESSION OF THE TDPC WORKING PARTY ON TERRITORIAL POLICY IN URBAN AREAS

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