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EXPERT GROUP ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH CITIZENS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Paris, 6-7 June 2002

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Main purposes and content of the meeting

1. To update participants on PUMA activities for 2002 and 2003/2004 as well as work underway in other OECD Directorates in the field of government relations with citizens and civil society.

2. To review the draft report on “Evaluation framework for information, consultation and public participation in policy-making”, collect additional examples from Member countries and agree on a publication timetable.

3. To review the draft report on “Using information and communication technologies to enhance citizen engagement in the policy process” and country case studies received to date and reach agreement prior to publication.

4. To receive comments and suggestions on planned project activities to be carried out by end of 2002.

5. To exchange information on recent initiatives taken by Member country governments, projects and upcoming events regarding information provision, consultation and citizen participation in policy-making.

Thursday 6 June 2002

From 9h00, participants are invited to gather for coffee and conversation outside the meeting room.

9h30-12h30 Session 1 Welcome & Relations with Civil Society Organisations

Aim: to set out goals for the meeting, provide all participants with background information, and report on results of work on government relations with civil society

09h30-10h15 Update on PUMA and other OECD Directorate Activities

- Welcome and review of objectives for the meeting by Rolf Alter, Deputy Director, PUMA.
- Update on dissemination and translation of Citizens as Partners (report and handbook) by Christian Vergez and Joanne Caddy, PUMA.
- Report on work underway in other OECD directorates on relations with citizens and civil society:
  - Claudio Pescatore, Administrator (Radiation Protection), Nuclear Energy Agency
  - Henri-Bernard Solignac-Leconte, Administrator (Relations with Civil Society, Private Sector, NGOs), Development Centre
Report on International Roundtable on Building Open Government
(23-24 May 2002)


- Discussion.

10h45 Coffee break

“Tour de table”

Tour de table: Participants are invited to provide brief updates on recent developments in government efforts to engage citizens and civil society in policy-making (national/international), implementation and relations with civil society organisations. Participants are welcome to provide written materials to support their oral presentations.

12h30-14h00 Lunch

Session 2 Evaluation

Aim: to provide guidance to the Secretariat in developing draft guidelines for evaluation of government provision of information, consultation and public participation in policy-making

Presentation of the Draft Report on Evaluation

For reference: Draft report on “Evaluation framework for information, consultation and public participation in policy-making” [Room document].

- Overview of the objectives for PUMA work on evaluation and activities to date by the Secretariat.
- Presentation of the draft report by Dr. Kim Forss (Andante Consultants AB, Sweden).
- Questions and discussion.

15h30 Coffee break

Review of Country Experience to date and Next Steps

For reference: Draft report on “Evaluation framework for information, consultation and public participation in policy-making” [Room document].

- Discussion (continued).
- Identification of OECD Member country experience in evaluating information provision, consultation and public participation in policy-making.
- Review of next steps for 2002: collection of brief country case studies, enlarged expert meeting, timetable for publication of final report.
- The Expert Group will be invited to provide feedback and suggestions.

18h00 Cocktail

Participants are welcome to attend a cocktail hosted by PUMA to be held in Salle George Marshall (Château).
Friday 7 June 2002

From 9h00, participants are invited to gather for coffee and conversation outside the meeting room.

09h30-12h30 Session 3 E-consultation
Aim: to agree on a publication timetable for a report on online consultation in OECD countries

09h30-10h00 E-government Project update
For reference:
• Discussion.

10h00-10h45 Presentation of the Draft Report on E-consultation
For reference: Draft report on “Using information and communication technologies to enhance citizen engagement in the policy process” [Room document].
• Overview of the objectives for PUMA work on e-consultation and activities to date by the Secretariat.
• Presentation of the draft report by Dr. Ann Macintosh (Director of the International Teledemocracy Centre, UK).

10h45 Coffee break

11h00-12h30 Review of Country Case Studies in E-consultation
For reference: Country case studies [Room documents].
• Questions and discussion.
• "Tour de table": participants are invited to briefly present their country’s practical case studies and concrete examples of online information, consultation and participation for inclusion in the final report.

12h30-14h00 Lunch

14h00-16h00 Session 4 Next Steps
Aim: to agree on a publication timetable for a report on online consultation in OECD countries and identify future priorities given budget constraints and PUMA work programme (2003-2004)

14h00-14h45 Timetable for publication of E-consultation report
• Review of next steps for 2002: timetable for publication, and launching, of final report.

14h45-15h45 Future PUMA Work on E-consultation
• Presentation of project activities planned for 2003-2004 aimed at improving responsiveness and legitimacy through consultation and participation.
• The Expert Group will be invited to provide feedback and suggestions on the proposed project activities.

15h45-16h00 Closing remarks
• Final comments by Hélène Gadriot-Renard (Head, Governance and the Role of the State Division) and conclusion of meeting.