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Speaking note

Thank you Madame chair

The Swedish government has introduced a new feature in the dialog with the regions due to the global recession.

The working method of dealing with the effects of the financial crisis and down turn of the economy was launched during the autumn 2008 by the Government.

In the first phase the work has focused on a strong involvement of regional actors in meeting the needs of individuals and companies.

Regional coordinators - county governors and regional political leaders - has been appointed by the government to coordinate actions in response to the present situation in each county.

To facilitate contacts and effective handling of proposals from the regional coordinators within the government and the ministries a group of State Secretaries has been established.

The impact on regional growth policy is mainly indirect. It has proven through the work initiated by the regional coordinators that already established regional partnerships and long-term strategies and plans has been crucial for start up the work and making it effective.

To conclude;

This working method

- has made it visible who has the responsibility at the regional level to coordinate the work,
- gives the government and the regions an arena to discuss the crisis,
- make all aware of the proposals from the regions instead of dealing with one region after another.
- has to a certain extent also been a learning process for the regions by learning from each other

Thank you