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NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Delegations
Subject : Summary of the meeting of the **Committee on Regional Development (REGI)**
Brussels, 28 and 29 May 2008

Mr GALEOTE (EPP-ED, ES) chaired the meeting.

I. Chairman's announcements

Mr GALEOTE announced that the Committee would draft:

- a) a report on the Commission's Communication entitled "An action plan to strengthen the Commission's supervisory role under shared management of structural actions". The rapporteur would be an EPP-ED MEP;
- b) an initiative report on the Commission's Green Paper on regional cohesion which should be presented after the summer break;

II. Parliament's new role and responsibilities implementing the Treaty of Lisbon

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- Exchange of views with Mr Michael SCHNEIDER, Chairman of the COTER Commission of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Mr GALEOTE welcomed Mr SCHNEIDER and stated that the REGI Committee took into account the CoR's position when drafting the opinion.

Mr SCHNEIDER stated that the objective of territorial cohesion enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon was of the utmost importance. However, that objective needed to be well defined and the CoR had drafted a Green Paper to contribute to that discussion. He also considered the subsidiarity check by national parliaments a great step forward, along with the recognition of the CoR's right to lodge a complaint at the European Court of Justice (Article 263 TL). Considering that structural funds would be adopted through the ordinary legislative process, he was of the opinion that the European Parliament would have an important role and should therefore work with all actors in a transparent and cooperative manner.

III. Votes

a) Parliament's new role and responsibilities implementing the Treaty of Lisbon

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A draft opinion (PE 404.556) was adopted by a large majority, with several amendments.

VII. Date and place of next meeting

27 May 2008, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30, and

28 May 2008, 9.00 - 13.30, in Brussels