

## 48TH MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS GENERAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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### RESOLUTION ON E-GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP

The Director Generals

- underline the significance of ICT as a driving force for modernization and innovation in public services as well as for the reduction of administrative burdens for businesses and citizens. Almost every political project today features or triggers an IT project,
- note with satisfaction that the Ministerial eGovernment Conference in Manchester of November 2005 and the eGovernment Action plan in the framework of the i2010 initiative have led to an intensification of eGovernment cooperation between Member States also in the priority areas of the EUPAN medium-term programme 2006-2007,
- appreciate the work of the eGovernment Working Group carried out in close co-operation with the European Commission giving advice on how eGovernment can contribute to the Lisbon agenda and acting as a catalyst in public administrations for reaching the goals of the i2010 initiative,
- point out that in the coming years up to the end of 2009 the exchange of experiences will be especially important for the member states in their national work when implementing the EC services directive; at the same time it is also important to acknowledge that an optimal use of ICT requires administrations with an innovative climate, skilled personal and good leadership.

On this background the Director Generals consider of vital importance that

- the expertise which the eGovernment Working group has gained in the meantime should be integrated more intensively in the work of the whole European Public Administration Network,
- the objective of the Medium-term programme 2006-2007 approved in Luxembourg to promote common projects and horizontal activities to be dealt with by different working groups should be implemented consequently,
- common projects should be identified in the new Medium-term programme,
- EUPAN should find new ways to work more integrated between the different working groups.

The Director Generals invite the incoming Presidencies to contribute to this aim by a thorough evaluation of the working structure of the network.