**42nd MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS GENERAL
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RESOLUTIONS ON eGOVERNMENT

The Directors General value the significant work carried out during the Irish Presidency, within the framework of the resolutions of the eGovernment Group.

Interoperability

The Directors General note that, in keeping with their Medium Term Programme, the Resolution of their 41st meeting in Rome, the Work Plan of the eGovernment Working Group, and the EU Commission Conclusion on the role of eGovernment for Europe's Future, the Working Group conducted a study on "Interoperability".

The Directors General welcome the Working Group's Report "Key Principles of an Interoperability Architecture", noting the need for each Member State to develop and sustain a national interoperability architecture. At the same time, they recognise that this architecture will have to be adapted to the national context and specific governance model of each Member State, and that European interoperability will have to build on mutual recognition of different national architectures.

The Directors General invite all Member States to consider the report carefully in developing and enhancing their own interoperability architectures. The Directors General approve the publication of the Report.

European Interoperability Framework

The Directors General note that, in keeping with their mandate that the eGovernment Working Group collaborate more closely with the European Commission, the Group facilitated a presentation from IDA (Interchange of Data between Public Administrations) on the emerging European Interoperability Framework (EIF).

The Directors General welcome and approve the Working Group's submission to DG Enterprise in this regard. They invite DG Enterprise to consider the inclusion of the Working Group's submission in its deliberations on the development of the EIF.

Draft Directive on Services in the Internal Market

The Directors General note that, in the context of interoperability and service delivery, the Working Group considered the proposed Directive on Services in the Internal Market. The Directors General acknowledge the issues highlighted by the Working Group. They welcome the Working Group's paper on the draft Directive and approve its submission to DG Internal Market on behalf of the Network. They invite DG Internal Market to consider this submission in its deliberations on the development of the Directive.

MODINIS Identity Management Forum

The Directors General note that Identity Management is a key element of an Interoperability Architecture. In this context, the Directors General welcome the fact that the Working Group facilitated a discussion with the EU Commission on the proposed Identity Management Forum under the MODINIS programme.

In recognising the value that such a Forum could provide in examining the issues associated with pan-European Identity Management as an element of Interoperability, the Directors General invite all Member States to consider how they might participate in and contribute to the work of the proposed Forum.

Future Activities

The Directors General welcome the programme of the Dutch Presidency that will further build upon the work carried out by the Irish Presidency and look forward to the results. With respect to the topic of interoperability, further analysis will be carried out on eGovernment benefits, required back office conditions, and the issue of open standards.

The Directors General welcome this programme, expecting it to progress the action points of the Mid Term Programme, and the sharing of knowledge and understanding among the Group's members. They ask all Member States to participate as actively as possible.