

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON REGIONAL POLICY COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INTEGRATION OF THE FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

The Ministry of National Integration of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

The European Commission,

(hereinafter referred to as “Parties”),

Have decided to set up a Structured Dialogue on Regional Policy with the following principles, objectives, content and organization:

1. PRINCIPLES

The structured dialogue on regional policy between the Ministry of National Integration of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Directorate General for Regional Policy of the European Commission is the forum where all related regional policy issues can be discussed.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) to promote mutual understanding and bilateral co-operation in the field of regional policy;
- b) to establish communication channels so as to strengthen the exchange of information.

3. CONTENT

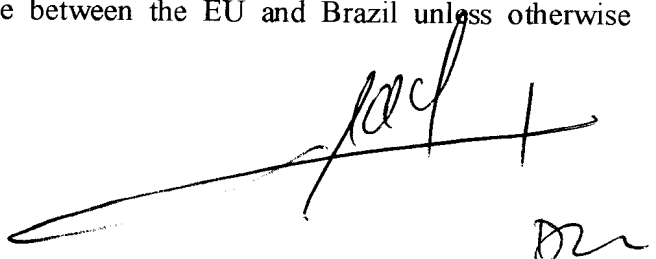
- a) exchange information on policies aiming at territorial cohesion and social and regional inequalities reduction;



- b) exchange information on policies contributing to growth, competitiveness and employment and to achieve a better territorial balance;
- c) exchange information of our experiences in setting up and implementing regional policy and organizing territorial development strategies;
- d) exchange views on governance and partnership issues;
- e) exchange views on planning and evaluation proceedings and methods;
- f) any other topics of mutual interest relating to regional policy.

4. ORGANISATION

- a) Both Parties shall nominate senior officials as co-chairperson for the dialogue and shall establish contact points in the Ministry of National Integration of the Federative Republic of Brazil and in the Directorate General for Regional Policy of the European Commission. Both Parties shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the dialogue. According to the needs, both Parties may decide to set up ad-hoc technical working groups to work together on specific issues and to facilitate discussions at expert level;
- b) The level and composition of the delegations in the meetings shall be decided by each Party in consultation with the order. It is understood that both Parties shall call upon prominent stakeholders to participate in the dialogue. At least one meeting will take place each year. The precise agenda for each meeting shall be decided beforehand between both Parties. Both Parties may invite other Ministries and Directorates General to take part in the meetings subject to need and agreement by both sides. There should be mutually agreed minutes in English and Portuguese after every meeting;
- c) The venue for the meetings will alternate between the EU and Brazil unless otherwise decided;

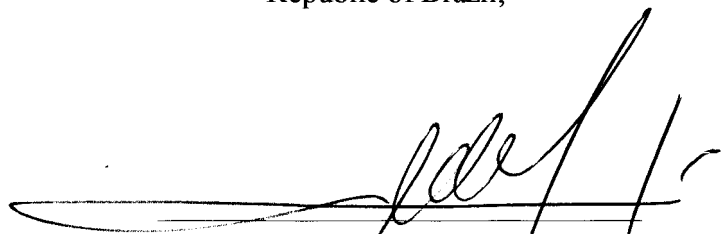
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- d) Specific events can be jointly organized as appropriate;
- e) Both Parties shall bear the cost of participation of their own delegation in the dialogue. One Party shall provide active support and assistance to the other. The cost of the specific events, mutually agreed, shall be decided in consultation between both sides Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding records political intent alone and provides for no legal commitment.

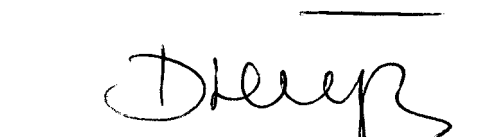
Done in Brasilia, on 29 November 2007, in two originals in Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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