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| **“Good governance in metropolitan areas” –**  **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Recommendation 392 (2016)**  (Reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 22 February 2017 at the 1278th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies) |

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully examined Recommendation 392 (2016) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities entitled “Good governance in metropolitan areas” and has brought it to the attention of its European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG).

2. The Committee of Ministers considers that Recommendation 392 (2016) raises some important points in relation to ensuring good democratic governance and the sustainable and cohesive development of metropolitan areas.

3. In the second half of 2017, the CDDG intends to organise a European seminar on governance models for metropolitan regions and surrounding areas, based on member States’ experience and “good practices” in this field. The CDDG might decide to translate the outcome of this seminar into draft instruments, such as the guidelines referred to in paragraph 12.a of the Recommendation, with a view to their adoption by the Committee of Ministers. The Congress will be kept informed of these possible initiatives.

4. The results of the seminar could also be used by member States wishing to prepare guidelines for the cohesive development of their metropolitan hinterlands (paragraph 12.b) or to develop appropriate multilevel governance structures for metropolitan areas (paragraph 12.c). Member States could also draw on Council of Europe standards and tools, including the toolkits developed by the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform and, more specifically, the Twelve Principles of good governance at local level.