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The ministers responsible for spatial/regional planning of the member states of the Council of Europe,

taking note of the territorial agenda of the European Union in the process of elaboration by European Union member states that will be discussed and put to adoption by European Union spatial development ministers at their informal ministerial meeting to be held in Leipzig on 24-25 May 2007,

considering the significance of the European Union territorial agenda as a strategic framework for the territorial development of European regions,

considering that the aim of strengthening the global competitiveness of all regions of Europe applies equally to EU and non-EU member states,

considering that CEMAT is the only European forum uniting EU and non-EU member states with the aim of sustainable spatial and socio-economic development of the European continent, as stated in the Lisbon Declaration adopted in this session of CEMAT,

being aware of the ongoing stakeholder dialogue in the process of elaborating the territorial agenda of the European Union,

appreciating that their role as CEMAT's ministers makes them an important stakeholder in this process,

wishing to promote territorial co-operation and a comprehensive approach to spatial/regional development on all European territory,

commit themselves to undertake, within their own fields of responsibility and in co-operation with other arms of their governments, all appropriate actions helping to strengthen the global competitiveness of all regions of the European continent.