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adopted at the 15th Session of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT), in Moscow, Russian Federation, 9 July 2010

The Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning of the Member States of the Council of Europe, taking part in the 15th Session of the European Conference of Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT),

express their warm thanks to the Government of the Russian Federation for organising the 15th CEMAT Session on “*Challenges of the Future: Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent in a Changing World*” and for its hospitality;

appreciate the work done and the activities carried out by the Committee of Senior Officials,

consider that sustainable spatial development, spatial/regional planning and territorial cohesion cannot be promoted and implemented without an active involvement of national, regional and local authorities, economic and social partners and the civil society,

acknowledge that a reform is in progress within the Council of Europe;

express their conviction that in the framework of this reform, due consideration must be given to the importance of Pan-european spatial development policies in their role to promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law together with the respects of cultural and territorial diversity and strengthened cohesion;

acknowledge the kind invitation extended by the Government of Greece to host the 16th Session of the CEMAT in 2013 and by the Government of Romania to host the 17th Session of the CEMAT in 2016;

Mandate the Committee of Senior Officials to:

- i. make the necessary arrangements for the preparation of the 16th Session and ensure implementation of the Resolutions and the Declaration adopted at the 15th Session;
- ii. continue to formulate on the basis of Recommendation Rec. (2002) 1 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on the CEMAT “Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent”, practical and sustainable solutions and policies aimed at a better balanced and sustainable development and territorial cohesion of the European continent;
- iii. propose practical methods and identify the technical and financial needs to implement the CEMAT activities in relation to the above-mentioned Guiding Principles;
- iv. foster cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation by carrying out territorial development projects supported by the Council of Europe and the European Union, as well as national and international institutions;
- v. continue and extend their Pan-European work on the results achieved so far by means of appropriate dissemination into networks and national contexts;

- vi. present a report with the results and evaluations of the added-value of activities carried out at the next Session of the CEMAT,
- vii. focus CEMAT priorities in order to provide appropriate policy responses to the new territorial challenges which have emerged since the adoption of the Guiding Principles in the year 2000;
- viii. adapt the role of CEMAT within a future organisational structure and adopt a clear focus of its work with respect to the unique features of CEMAT.

invite the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as requested by the Action Plan adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Council of Europe at their Third Summit (Warsaw, 17 May 2005), to continue providing the Conference Secretariat and the Committee of Senior Officials with the resources needed in order to organise the next session and implement its work programme.