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**DRAFT “OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS” OF THE MEETING OF THE
INFORMATION SOCIETY TECHNOLOGIES ADVISORY GROUP (ISTAG)**

Held in Brussels, September 17th, 1999

1. WELCOMING REMARKS – MR. C WEYRICH

Mr. Weyrich opened the meeting and welcomed Mr. Airaghi as the new vice Chairman and Mr. Mogensen and Mr. Healy as new members. The Agenda was adopted without changes.

2. COMMISSION AND DGXIII UPDATE – MR. R. VERRUE

Mr. Verrue welcomed the ISTAG “orientations for WP2000” report by acknowledging that this first report marks the start of the new role of FP5 advisory groups. The report clearly contains many recommendations and the “challenge” is to translate these into the revised workprogramme. He also indicated that ISTAG should not be looking to develop a totally new vision every year but rather work with the Commission to extend and deepen a coherent message.

Mr. Verrue announced that the new Commission will taken up its five year mandate. Mr. Erkki Liikanen will be the Commissioner responsible for the Information Society and Enterprise portfolios. The ISTAG report and its findings will be transmitted to Mr. Liikanen, who may then want to meet the ISTAG to discuss in detail. Further practical consequences of the new Commission may include restructuring and reshuffling of the upper management including the Directors General.

3. IST OPERATIONS UPDATE – MR. G. METAKIDES

Mr. Metakides explained that the first call (both shared cost and support actions) had drawn approximately 2.500 proposals of which roughly 20% had been retained for negotiation. The call had been evaluated during July and it was expected that the selected projects would be able to start their work early 2000. He pointed out that the SME participation ratio had remained unchanged although the definition criteria for SME’s have been considerably tightened. Current analysis provides no evidence of any workprogramme area being underrepresented, however, should this become evident then corrections could be made during a subsequent call. He pointed out that the funding breakdown by Key Action closely reflects the Council Decision, and that ISTAG would receive more comprehensive statistical data in the near future.

ISTAG asked the Commission to extend the PIM (Programme Integration and Management) Study so that “strengths” and “gaps” may be more easily identified in the future and, in particular, to introduce “tracking” to the ISTAG orientations.

The second call will be published October 1st 1999 and will close January 17th 2000.

4. CONCLUSIONS OF DISCUSSIONS ON FINAL ISTAG REPORT – MR. C. WEYRICH

Mr. Weyrich reported that the final version of the ISTAG report had been approved during the morning session. Only minor changes were introduced to the already available August’99 version.

5. REPORT ON ISTC MEETING (JULY 8TH 1999)– MR. H. WERTHNER

Mr. Werthner explained that ISTAG’s vision and draft report had been well received by the ISTC. Mr. Airaghi was not convinced that the ISTC had entirely understood ISTAG’s message and suggested that it might be necessary to go back and explain in greater detail now that the report was finalised. Mr. Schuurmans added that he felt the report might be at a too high a level of abstraction and not explicit enough.

6. WP-2000 – MR. G. COMYN

Mr. Comyn announced that good use had been made of ISTAG’s draft report and that discussions on the draft WP2000 had now started. A first draft of WP2000 should be sent to ISTAG on October 15th. Feedback from members is needed in readiness for discussions at the October 29th ISTAG meeting. It is planned to present a stable draft of WP2000 to the IST Conference in Helsinki and secure the positive opinion of the ISTC on November 23rd. The Commission’s internal written procedures could then take place in the first weeks of December, which would allow for the third call for proposals to be targeted for January 15th.

The Commission Services were requested to prepare a document on how the ISTAG “vision” has been translated into specific Action Lines.

7. PREPARATIONS FOR WP2001 & SET-UP OF NEW WORKING GROUP

Both of these items were discussed in the morning session and it was decided to postpone further discussion until the October meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The next ISTAG meeting is scheduled for:

29th October 1999 (Brussels)

Members are reminded that the IST Conference will be held in Helsinki, 22-24 November 1999

List of participants at the ISTAG meeting of September 17, 1999

ISTAG	Claus	Weyrich	(Chairman)
	Angelo	Airaghi	
	Alain	Bravo	
	Michel	Feneyrol	
	Christos	Halkias	
	Michael	Healy	
	Rosemary	Horwood	
	Juhani	Kuusi	
	Paul	Lagasse	
	Bernard	Larrouturou	
	Wolfgang	Merker	
	Gregers	Morgensen	
	Cesare	Mossotto	
	Ann Marie	Nilsson	
	Ursula	Pachl	
	Ian	Purves	
	Martin	Schuurmans	
	Javier	Uceda	
	Hannes	Werthner	

<i>Unable to attend</i>	<i>Jose</i>	<i>Alves</i>
	<i>Tarja</i>	<i>Cronberg</i>
	<i>Peter</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>
	<i>Paolo</i>	<i>Galluzzi</i>
	<i>Arnoud</i>	<i>De Kemp</i>
	<i>Jakob</i>	<i>Vortman</i>
	<i>Luc</i>	<i>Wagner</i>

Commission	Robert	Verrue
	Frans	De Bruine
	Spiros	Konidaris
	George	Metakides
	Michel	Richonnier
	David	Talbot
	Gerard	Comyn
	Mike	Reeve
	David	Broster
	Ulric	Fayl

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Draft Agenda

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19:30 Pre-meeting Dinner (ISTAG-members only) hosted by Claus Weyrich
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Friday, 17 September, 1999

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ISTAG-Members session

09:00 Welcome and Opening remarks Claus Weyrich
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New Members
Approval of the agenda

09:15 Finalisation of ISTAG-report ISTAG-members
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"Orientations for WP2000 and beyond"

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:15 Preparation for afternoon session ISTAG-members
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ISTAG and Commission session

13:00 *Buffet Lunch in Salon "Carlton"*

14:00 Welcome and Opening remarks Claus Weyrich
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14:15 Commission and DGXIII update Robert Verrue
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14:30 IST Programme update George Metakides
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Response to first call for proposals
Second call for proposals

14:45	Conclusion of earlier discussions on final ISTAG report	Claus Weyrich
 "Orientations for WP2000 and beyond"	
15:15	Report on ISTC meeting of July 8 th	Hannes Werthner
	
15:30	WP2000	Gérard Comyn
 Drafting and approval timetable WP2000-seminar	
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:15	Preparations for WP2001	ISTAG-members
 Methods and planning	
16:45	Set-up of a new Working Group	Alain Bravo
	
17:15	Future meetings	Claus Weyrich
 29 October, 1999, Brussels IST Conference in Helsinki, 22-24 November, 1999 Meeting schedule for 2000	
17:30	Any other business	Claus Weyrich
	
17:45	Close of Meeting	Claus Weyrich
	

N.B.: Chambre d'écoute (afternoon session only) will be in salle "Manhattan"