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Participants

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1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mihaela Armanu (Romania), and Fabio D'Atri (European Commission).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

As this was the first meeting, the members of the WG submitted their annual and specific declarations of interest during the meeting.

4. Discussions

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) document was discussed and revisions were made to the text. The WG agreed on a timeline and roadmap for reaching the set objectives and milestones. It was decided that WG members will prepare a summary report on the topic for their countries and that an expert meeting will be held in the second half of 2008 to support the WG in the preparation of its report.