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INVITATION

URBAN FUTURES 2.0 – EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON URBAN GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIP, STOCKHOLM 3-5 MAY 2006

Dear Madame/Sir,

The European Commission, the Swedish Government and the City of Stockholm jointly invite you to participate in the Urban Futures 2.0 conference organised in Stockholm on 3-5 May 2006. Urban Futures 2.0 is focused on urban governance and partnership between different levels of government, in order to address the main urban challenges in Europe.

Urban Futures 2.0 is an ambitious process where politicians on a local, regional, national and European level can interact with a cross-section of practitioners and expertise on the future challenges for urban areas. The conference is a unique opportunity for real multi-level dialogue. This process is important to strengthen urban development in a European context.

It builds on the 'Urban Acquis' agreed at last year's Ministerial Meeting in Rotterdam, the Bristol Accord's Sustainable Communities characteristics and on the strategic approach to urban development as promoted by the European Commission. Furthermore, it is a follow-up on the Urban Futures conference organised during the Swedish EU Presidency in 2001.

We invite you to read more about the conference in the enclosed brochure and to visit the conference web site www.urbanfutures.se, where we gradually update information about the conference programme and related processes. You are also welcome to contact the project manager, Eva Schultz, by email: eva.schultz@stadshuset.stockholm.se or by phone: +46 8 508 29 584, for further information and practical arrangements.

We look forward to fruitful dialogue in Stockholm in May 2006 and hope to achieve important results of our discussions. We warmly welcome you to actively contribute to the process.

Sending you our best wishes for 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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Commissioner
for Regional Policy

Jens Orback
Minister for Democracy,
Metropolitan Affairs,
Integration and Gender Equality

Annika Billström
Mayor of Stockholm