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Resolution – Small States Network for Economic Development

Participants at the Small States Forum meeting in Singapore on 18 September 2006:

- Thank the Government of Malta and the World Bank for their initiative in presenting a draft proposal for the setting up of a Small States Network for Economic Development.
- Consider the setting up of such a Network as a useful structure for, among other things, sharing good practice among small states; providing a more continuous channel of communication among small states and between small states and the World Bank and other development institutions; supporting the World Bank-sponsored Small States Forum; and reinforcing the voice of small states, not only in the international arena generally, but also within multilateral and bilateral organizations that support their development efforts.
- Welcome the proposal and agree to form part of the Network
- Decide to appoint a Drafting Team composed of members, as follows:
 - Five persons representing four Small States Forum Members that have acted as Forum Chair plus Malta, as the author of the network proposal and host of the network's secretariat.
 - A person appointed by and representing the World Bank Representative
 - A person appointed by and representing the Commonwealth Secretariat
- Request the Drafting Team to draw up the statute for the Network, in the light of the draft proposed by Malta and the guidance received in the Singapore Small States Forum, by December 2006.
- Give a mandate to the Drafting Team to activate the Small States Network in accordance with the statute.