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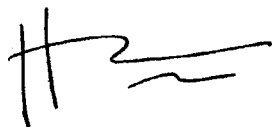
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Yours sincerely,



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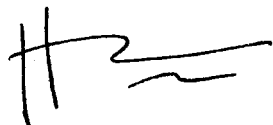
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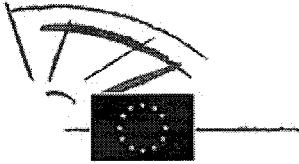
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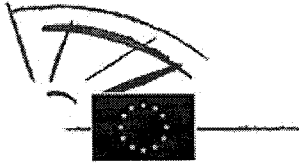
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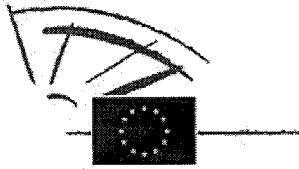
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- STOA centralises activities, involves national parliaments not members of EPTA, with a view to a possible EU project of establishing TA in these countries
- EPTA members provide input (participants) to scientific/outreach sessions
- EPTA members prepare exhibition details
- status of organisation to be discussed at the next EPTA Council meeting in November 2007, as well as at the directors' meeting in April 2008.

Deadline for submission of STOA/EPTA proposal: 30 September 2007

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