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MINUTES of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of EURIM
held at 7 Millbank, London SW1 on Tuesday 7th May 2002.

Lord Renwick in the Chair

1 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members to the Ninth Annual General Meeting of EURIM and drew attention to the notice convening the meeting.

2 DIRECTORS REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2001 were received.

RESOLVED: That the Directors' report and financial statements be approved.

Proposed by: John McWilliam MP

Seconded by: Malcolm Taylor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. AUDITORS

RESOLVED: that KPMG (London) be re-appointed as Auditors of the Company and that the Board be authorised to fix their remuneration.

Proposed by: Roger Gale MP

Seconded by: Ian Bruce

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DIRECTORS

The Chairman noted that Ian Bruce's term of office as a Director ended at the AGM since he was no longer a Member of Parliament and thanked him for his past work as a Director and, until the General Election, Chairman of the Company.

He then invited Ian Bruce to preside over the election of the Directors for the coming year:

RESOLVED: that: Giles Bryan Chichester MEP, John David McWilliam MP, Lord McNally, Margaret Moran MP, Lord Randall of St Budeaux, Lord Renwick, Barry John Sheerman MP, Ian Colin Taylor, MBE MP and Brian White MP be elected to serve as the Directors of the Company

Proposed by: Roger Gale

Seconded by: Sarah Terry

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 MANAGING COUNCIL

5.1 Parliamentary Members:

Lord Renwick resumed the Chair and announced that 9 nominations had been received for the 15 available places. It was agreed that Tony McWalter and Bill Olnier, who had not formally confirmed their candidacy, should also be nominated. Co-options could be made during the year to fill the vacancies.

RESOLVED THAT Richard Allan MP, Christopher Chope MP, Lord Crickhowell, Earl of Erroll, Roger Gale MP, Malcolm Harbour MEP, Tony McWalter MP, Andrew Miller MP, Bill Olnier MP, Ian Stewart MP, and Derek Wyatt MP be elected as Parliamentary members of the Managing Council.

Proposed by: John McWilliam

Seconded by: Malcolm Taylor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Non-Parliamentary Members

12 nominations had been received for the 15 places and additionally Sara Terry of AOL agreed to be nominated. There were two vacancies which could be filled by co-options during the year.

RESOLVED that Ian Bruce (EMTA), Carl Gibson (Energis) Chris Godwin (IBM), Anne Heal (BT), Paul Jackson (CIPFA), Lee Johnson (Computacenter), Nick Penston (CISCO), John Riley (Computer Weekly), David Roberts (tif), Alan Shepherd (Consignia), Malcolm Taylor (Telewest), Sarah Terry (AOL) and David Todd (CGNU) be elected as non-Parliamentary members of the Managing Council

Proposed by: John McWilliam MP

Seconded by: Malcolm Taylor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 The Chairman expressed thanks to those Council members who were not standing again and in particular to John Cheetham whose period of office had ended upon his leaving ICL/Fujitsu. He had been responsible for EURIM PR and Publicity activities and had also been Chairman of the Modernising Government Theme. Roger Gale proposed that he should be granted Volunteer Executive status so that he could continue his association with EURIM. This was seconded by Brian White and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lord Renwick then handed the Chair to Brian White, MP, Chairman of EURIM who apologised for his absence at the start of the meeting due to its co-incidence with the statement in the House on the Draft Communications Bill, for which he was to be a member of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

7 SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

Philip Virgo presented his report for 2001 which attempted to set out where EURIM had "made a difference" during the past year. He explained that this was in draft form pending comments from members prior to its wider distribution. He then outlined his suggestions regarding an increase in the annual

subscription for Corporate Members. They had remained at the same level since 1993 and he now proposed a 30% increase. During discussion two alternative proposals were put forward: for phased increases of 10% per annum and for a small increase only accompanied by an extensive recruitment campaign. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the next meeting of Council (in July) for decision and implementation. It was noted that the decision did not require ratification by the membership in general meeting. It was further agreed that expansions plans should be drawn up showing how it was planned to spend the additional income.

8 CLOSING REMARKS

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.