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Dear Pedro,

Many thanks for sending along your latest version of the proposal for collaboration between MIT/DUSP and various university programs in Lisbon on the topic of e-Planning and Urban Information Systems. I can confirm the strong interest of the MIT Department of Urban Studies in exploring the exciting dimensions for research and collaboration described in this document. Our joint efforts to link emerging information and communication technologies to initiatives to improve public administration and urban management seem particularly relevant to the challenges of enhancing economic performance and innovation in Portugal. I very much hope that this aspect of joint work can be included in the MIT-Portugal collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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Pedro,

Thanks for sending the draft document discussing e-Planning and its possible inclusion as part of the MIT-Portugal initiative. I am indeed interested in working with you and your Portuguese colleagues on research and educational activities involving urban information systems and the many ways in which information technology is transforming urban life and enabling new approaches to urban planning, urban management, and local governance. Such work could build nicely on past collaboration with you, Prof. Camara and others, and could be an especially important part of any effort to enhance economic performance and innovation in Portugal through well chosen infrastructure investments in transportation, energy, and information systems. I do hope that some e-Planning work can fit within the MIT-Portugal collaboration and I look forward to further discussion of specific projects and activities with you and your colleagues.

-- Joe Ferreira

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