

## **5 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY UNIT - DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY (AN89-2005)**

The Jurta Agency from the Czech Republic sent 2 representatives to visit the Employment Disability Unit in October 2004, as part of an information-gathering exercise. Jurta is a non governmental, not for profit organisation, from the town of Decin in the north of the Czech Republic. Its role is to provide a wide variety of assistance to people with disabilities. It is funded mainly by the Czech Republic Ministry of Social Care, City of Decin Municipality and the European Union.

The visit was a success and Jurta has now requested that it be allowed to second 2 members of staff to the Unit for a period of 4 weeks during March/April 2005. The purpose of the secondment will be for their representatives to increase their knowledge and awareness of how to assist people with disabilities into employment. This will also be a good development opportunity for EDU personnel to share and discuss ideas.

Jurta has confirmed that it will fully fund the secondments.

The Committee is requested to note and approve this initiative.