

## ANNEX

*This annex gives additional data in relation to release of the Car price report.*

### Methodology

The report is factual and based on list prices –before any discount– both including and excluding taxes, provided by car manufacturers in co-operation with their associations (ACEA and JAMA). It is widely distributed and made available on DG Comp's website. The methodology used is the same as that employed in previous reports: a total of 17 European and 8 Japanese manufacturers supplied the Commission with their recommended retail prices, as of 1 May 2006, for 85 among the best-selling models.

The reference price for the calculation of differentials for any model is that of the cheapest country within the euro zone. Prices are adjusted for differences in standard equipment, and are given in euro and, where applicable, local currency<sup>1</sup>, both before and after tax. Prices for major options and for right-hand drive specification are also supplied, together with other information. For some models, further options and variations in standard equipment may exist on certain national markets. It should also be noted that actual retail prices may differ from recommended list prices, as dealers must be free to propose lower prices and to offer additional financial benefits to customers, depending on the market.

### Prices are stable in the EU

According to Eurostat figures on inflation, the convergence as shown by the Report takes place in a context of relative price stability in the EU as a whole and in most of each Member State:

#### Year-on-year change in price index (May 2006 compared with May 2005)

Euro zone	Cars	headline inflation	EU-25	Cars	Headline inflation
Belgium	1.1	2.8	Czech Republic	0.2	2.8
Germany	1.5	2.1	Denmark	-0.1	2.1
Greece	-2.4	3.3	Estonia	-4.2	4.6
Spain	2.7	4.1	Cyprus	0.1	2.5
France	0.9	2.4	Latvia	-2.8	7.1
Ireland	1.3	3	Lithuania	-3	3.6
Italy	2.5	2.3	Hungary	-4.1	2.9
Luxembourg	1.1	3.6	Malta	n.a.	3.5
Netherlands	1.8	1.8	Poland	-3.1	1.5
Austria	0.6	2.1	Slovenia	-8.1	3.4
Portugal	3.6	2.9	Slovakia	-7.6	4.8
Finland	-1.7	1.7	Sweden	0.8	1.9
<b>Euro zone</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	United Kingdom	-0.5	2.2
Source: Eurostat			<b>EU</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The euro rates used for conversion are those published in the Official Journal C104 of 3 May 2006, p. 1.

### Some highlights within the euro zone

Price differences for a selection of best-selling cars (expressed as percentages of prices in euro before tax, comparing the most expensive with the cheapest euro zone market) on 1 May 2006 were as follows:

Small segments A and B:	1/05/2006	1/11/2005	1/5/2005
Opel Corsa	17.5%	16.1%	10.9%
Ford Fiesta	18.2%	25.3%	25.2%
Renault Clio	16.0%	14.2%	25.2%
Peugeot 206	19.8%	17.0%	16.2%
VW Polo	12.9%	14.5%	14.6%

Medium segment C:	1/05/2006	1/11/2005	1/5/2005
VW Golf	24.3%	26.7%	23.4%
Opel Astra	18.0%	16.7%	11.9%
Ford Focus	28.8%	22.7%	22.7%
Renault Mégane	23.6%	21.5%	19.6%
Peugeot 307	16.2%	18.1%	17.8%

Large car segments D, E and F:	1/05/2006	1/11/2005	1/5/2005
BMW 320D	5.5%	5.6%	5.2%
Audi A4	12.1%	13.2%	11.8%
Ford Mondeo	24.6%	22.5%	19.2%
Mercedes C180	5.2%	3.9%	3.9%
VW Passat	20.8%	20.3%	20.3%