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Abstract: (12-point Times New Roman): Hydrogen and fuel cells are seen by many as key solutions for the 21st century, enabling clean efficient production of power and heat from a range of primary energy sources. The High Level Group for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Technologies was initiated in October 2002 by the Vice President of the European Commission, Loyola de Palacio, Commissioner for Energy and Transport, and Mr Philippe Busquin, Commissioner for Research. The group was invited to formulate a collective vision on the contribution that hydrogen and fuel cells could make to the realisation of sustainable energy systems in future. This final report has been produced as a follow-up to the summary report presented at the conference "The hydrogen economy – A bridge to sustainable energy" held in Brussels on 16-17 June 2003. The terms of reference for the group requested the preparation of a vision report outlining the research, deployment Background to this document and non-technical actions that would be necessary to move from today's fossil-based energy economy to a future sustainable hydrogen-oriented economy with fuel cell energy converters. The High Level Group, whose members are listed in Annex I, comprised 19 stakeholders representing the research community, industry, public authorities and end-users. The Group was requested to give a stakeholder, not a company view. The report was compiled with the assistance of the High Level Group Members' 'sherpas' and technical writers who are listed in Annex II. The report aims to capture a collective vision and agreed recommendations. Whilst members of the group subscribe to the collective view represented in the report, their personal view on detailed aspects of the report may differ.