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***First Meeting of the Citizen's Committee 2006 held***

The first meeting of the Citizen's Committee was held on Saturday, 15 April 2006 at the CPD's Dialogue Room. The meeting decided on the scope and modalities for preparing the Vision Paper for Bangladesh for next 15 years (up to 2020). It also discussed how to promote competent candidates in the forthcoming election. The Citizen's Committee also appraised itself about CPD's pre-election activities.

The Citizen's Committee decided to include *Mr M Hafizuddin Khan, Advocate Sultana Kamal* and *Ms Angela Gomes* as new members into the group.

*Professor Rehman Sobhan*, Chairman, CPD and Convener of the Citizen's Committee chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by *Mr Fazle Hasan Abed, Ambassador Abul Ahsan, Dr Anisuzzaman, Mr Samson H Chowdhury, Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Syed Manzur Elahi, Mr M Mujibul Huq, Professor Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, Dr Mahmuda Islam, Mr Mahmudul Islam, Ms Laila Rahman Kabir, Dr Iqbal Mahmud, Mr Latifur Rahman, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed* and *Mr A S M Shahjahan*. *Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya*, Executive Director, CPD attended the meeting as Member Secretary of the Citizen's Committee. *Mr Mahfuz Anam* and *Mr Abdul Quayum Mukul* were present at the meeting on invitation.

Details of the meeting will be briefed by CPD on Sunday, 16 April 2006 at 11.00 am at the CPD Dialogue Room.