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**PROPOSED NEW NAME AND MANDATE OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

**(Note by the Secretary-General)**

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1. The Industry Committee discussed at its 98<sup>th</sup> Session on 28-29 September 2000 the report of the Task Force mandated for the Evaluation of the Industry Committee [CE(2000)9/REV1] and the report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee to the Council on the discussion of this report [C(2000)140]. The reactions of the Industry Committee are presented to the Executive Committee in document CE(2001)2.
2. This document indicates that, following the recommendation of the Task Force, the Committee has pursued its efforts to find a new name which would better reflect the scope of its activities, and has reached consensus on “Committee on Industry and Business Environment”.
3. Document CE(2001)2 also indicates that the Committee has reached consensus on a proposed new mandate which reflects the recommendations of the Task Force and includes a sunset clause specifying that the terms of reference for the Committee will remain in force for a period of five years [see Annex to CE(2001)2].
4. Accordingly the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2001)7;
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council concerning the new name and mandate of the Industry Committee set out in the Annex to document C(2001)7.

## ANNEX

**DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE NEW NAME AND MANDATE OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

## THE COUNCIL

Having regard to Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention on the organisation for Economic co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960.

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council C(70)133(final) of 29 September 1970 concerning the Activities of the Organisation in the Fields of Industry and Energy and amending the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation, as amended by the Resolution of the Council C(73)235(Final) of 4 December 1973.

Having Regard to report of the Task Force mandated for the Evaluation of the Industry Committee [CE(2000)9/REV1], to the Report of the chairman of the Executive Committee to the Council on the discussion of this report [C(2000)149], and to the report by the Industry committee on its evaluation [CE(2001)1].

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation.

## DECIDES:

1. In order to pursue its activities in the field of industry, the Organisation shall have at its disposal a Committee on Industry and Business Environment (CIBE).
2. a) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall have overall responsibility for the Organisation's work in the field of industry. Through sector- and firm-level analyses, it will complement macro-level analyses done by other bodies of the Organisation. Where appropriate, the Committee shall discuss the industrial aspects of questions dealt with by other bodies of the Organisation, take into consideration the results of their work and undertake joint projects.
2. b) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall study and discuss issues and other matters in the field of industry which require co-operation and consultation among Member Governments in a manner which encourages high-level dialogue and publication of analytical work. To this end, the Committee shall examine major developments and trends in industry, the industrial policies of Member Governments, and problems of industrial adaptation. The scope of the Committee's work will include micro-level analysis of industry, sectors and firms including manufacturing and services sectors, large firms and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and at national and global levels. A main area for analysis will be improving the business environment to foster entrepreneurship, investment, innovation and growth in knowledge-based economies. This will include assessment of the contributions of new forms of work organisation and flexible enterprises to industrial competitiveness. The work of the Committee will have three main dimensions:
  - Economic analysis and theme reviews focusing on improving the business environment and the conditions for industrial competitiveness.

- Policy analysis to identify the implications for public policy and best policy practices in Member countries; and
- Active involvement and links to the horizontal programmes of the Organisation.

2. c) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall propose to the Council, wherever possible, conclusions which could be brought to the attention of Member countries, or decisions or recommendations which might be adopted. The Committee will organise Business and Industry Policy Forums to explore timely issues with the private sector and to develop policy recommendations. The Committee will also consult with, as appropriate, representatives of business, trade unions and public interest groups.

3. Where possible, Member Governments shall appoint to the Committee on Industry and Business Environment high-ranking officials concerned with co-ordination of policies in the fields of industry in their own countries.

4. For the purpose of its activities in the fields of industry, the Organisation shall periodically collect all relevant statistics and other information; in principle, these data will be assembled by the Secretariat and published on the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

5. The terms of reference of the Committee on Industry and Business Environment will remain in force for a period of five years, unless the Council decides otherwise.

6. The resolutions of 29 September 1970 and 4 December 1973 are hereby repealed.

7. Paragraph 22 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure shall be amended as follows:

22. “Committee on Industry and Business Environment: its terms of reference are defined in the Resolution of the Council C(2001)7/FINAL.”