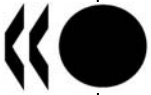


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**AUTHORISATION TO COMMIT EXPENDITURE AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF
THE FIRST QUARTERLY PERIOD 2009 AND TO COLLECT THE CORRESPONDING
CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER INCOME FOR THE PART II PROGRAMME: THE OECD
NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY (NEA) AND THE NUCLEAR ENERGY DATA BANK (NEA/DB)**

(Note by the Secretary-General)

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1. Oversight and approval for the proposed Programme of Work for the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and for the Nuclear Energy Agency Data Bank (NEA/DB) for the biennium 2009/2010 was provided jointly by the NEA Steering Committee at two meetings in 2008. The first meeting was held on 17-18 April 2008 when the whole programme was considered in detail. The second meeting was held on 16-17 October 2008 when the proposal was subject to minor updates based on developments during the intervening six months. In both meetings the approval for the work was based on the assumption of Zero Real Growth. When presented with the resultant NEA PWB, the Budget Committee did not approve it but asked for it to be adjusted to Zero Nominal Growth. Further consultation is thus required with delegates of the NEA Steering Committee to decide priorities for adjusting the outputs in the Programmes of Work.

2. As stated in the Financial Regulations of the Organisation (article 8 §4), if it has not been possible to approve the Budget before the first day of the financial period, the Council may authorise the Secretary-General to commit expenditure and to make payments in respect of each quarterly period not exceeding one-fourth of the appropriations under each Title and Chapter in the Budget for the preceding financial period, and to collect the corresponding contributions and other income.

3. The Council, in its Decision of 20 December 2006, with regard to the 2007-08 Budget of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and the Nuclear Energy Agency Data Bank (NEA/DB) [C/M(2006)21, Item 289 a); for reference C(2006)199/REV1], approved for 2008 the appropriations and contributions by participants regarding the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) entered in Title I, Part II of the Budget (Chapter 33) of an amount 10 406 800 EUR; and in the Nuclear Energy Agency Data Bank (NEA/DB) entered in Title I, Part II of the Budget (Chapter 34) of an amount 2 954 400 EUR

4. The structure of the Titles and Chapters will be modified as of 1 January 2009 as a result of the budget reform. As of this date, budgets will be accepted at the Output Group and Fund level.

5. In the light of the preceding, and having regard to Articles 5 a) and 20 of the OECD Convention of 14 December 1960, and to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation, in particular Regulation 8 §4, the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

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- a) noted document C(2008)218;
- b) authorised a total appropriation of EUR 2 601 700 in favour of the Secretary-General to meet the expenditure of 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009 for the budget of the Part II Programme OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) (Part II, Fund 33); this appropriation corresponds to one fourth of the 2008 appropriations;
- c) authorised a total appropriation of EUR 738 600 in favour of the Secretary-General to meet the expenditure of 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009 for the budget of the Part II Programme Nuclear Energy Agency Data Bank (NEA/DB) (Part II, Fund 34); this appropriation corresponds to one fourth of the 2008 appropriations;
- d) authorised the Secretary-General to collect the contributions corresponding to the period from the 1 January to 31 March 2009 of the financial year 2009 on the basis of one fourth of the contributions called up in 2008.