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**REQUEST FOR AN AUTHORISATION TO COMMIT EXPENDITURE AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS
IN RESPECT OF JULY 2010 AND TO COLLECT THE CORRESPONDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND
OTHER INCOME FOR THE PART II PROGRAMME: PROGRAMME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSESSMENT OF ADULT COMPETENCIES (PIAAC)**

(Note by the Secretary-General)

This document is submitted to Council FOR APPROVAL under the accelerated written procedure before close of business 29 June 2010. It proposes an extension of the Continuing Resolution for PIAAC through 31 July given the need to continue discussions on PIAAC's PWB into July. This proposal was approved by the Budget Committee on 25 June [BC(2010)31].

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1. A continuing resolution for the first and second quarters of 2010 for the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) were approved by Council on 11 December 2009 and 25 March 2010 [C(2009)196, C/M(2009)23, Item 303, ii); C(2010)60, C/M(2010)5, Item 69, respectively].

2. As stated in the Financial Regulations of the Organisation (Regulation 5 §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 for the preceding financial period, and to collect the corresponding contributions and other income.

3. The Council, in its Decision of 18 December 2008, with regard to the Budget of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) for 2009 [C(2008)217/REV1; C/M(2008)22, Item 334], approved the appropriations and contributions by participants regarding the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies entered in Part II of the Budget (Fund 42) for the amount of EUR 4 080 000.

4. In the light of the on-going discussions, 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 5 §4, the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

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- a) noted document C(2010)107;
- b) authorised a total appropriation of EUR 340 000 in favour of the Secretary-General to meet the expenditure of 1 to 31 July 2010 for the budget of the Part II Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (Part II, Fund 42); this appropriation corresponds to one-twelfth of the 2009 appropriations;
- c) authorised the Secretary-General to collect the contributions corresponding to the period from 1 to 31 July 2010 of the financial year 2010 on the basis of one-twelfth of the contributions called up in 2009.