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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE; THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE; THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MARKETS; THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE; THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY; THE INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PENSIONS COMMITTEE AND THE TRADE COMMITTEE

(Note by the Secretary-General)

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Purpose

1. This note seeks approval from the Council on extending on a temporary basis the mandates of: the Committee for Agriculture (COAG) [[C\(2008\)182](#) and CORR1]; the Competition Committee [[C\(2008\)134](#)]; the Committee on Financial Markets (CMF) [[C\(2008\)25](#)]; the Fisheries Committee (COFI) [[C\(2008\)193/REV1](#)]; the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP) [[C\(2008\)209](#)]; the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC)* [[C\(2007\)86/REV1](#)] and the Trade Committee [[C\(2008\)177](#)], all due to expire on 31 December 2013.

Background

2. As indicated above, the Competition Committee, CMF, IPPC, COAG, COFI and the Trade Committee last reviewed their mandates in 2007 and 2008. They are now requesting their mandates to be extended as follows:

- The Competition Committee (as approved by the Committee on 27 February 2013), the CMF (as approved by the Committee on 28 June 2013), and the IPPC (as approved by the Committee on 7 June 2013) requested extension to 31 December 2014;
- the COAG (as approved by the Committee on 6 June 2013), the COFI (as approved by the Committee on 22-24 April 2013), and the Trade Committee (as approved by the Committee on 15 May 2013) requested extension to 31 July 2015.

3. An extension is also requested by the ICCP. The Committee is in the process of revising its mandate and conducting a comprehensive review of its substructure, which it is expected to complete in December 2013. In view of this, the results of the substructure review, even if ready before the end of the year, will not be available in time for Council's review of the ICCP mandate before 31 December. It is therefore proposed that the current mandate of the ICCP be extended until 31 March 2014. The ICCP approved this request for transmission to Council at its 11-12 April 2013 meeting.

4. The section concerning the duration of the current mandates of the above committees, which are reproduced in the Annexes, has been amended accordingly. It is also proposed to adjust the Preamble of each mandate to incorporate a reference to the 2012 Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/FINAL](#)], in order to conform with recent practice for the presentation of committee mandates.

5. In order to facilitate the review by Council of these requests for mandate extension, they have been consolidated into a single document and presented in order of the expiry of the extension requested in the draft conclusions below and in the Annexes.

Proposed Action

6. In the light of the preceding, the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

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- a) noted document [C\(2013\)85](#);

* A short extension to the IPPC mandate has already been approved by Council [[C\(2012\)104](#)].

- b) agreed to extend the mandates of:
 - i) the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy, as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2013\)85](#), until 31 March 2014;
 - ii) the Competition Committee, the Committee on Financial Markets and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, as set out in Annexes II, III and IV to document [C\(2013\)85](#), respectively, until 31 December 2014;
 - iii) the Committee for Agriculture, the Fisheries Committee and the Trade Committee, as set out in Annexes V, VI and VII to document [C\(2013\)85](#), respectively, until 31 July 2015.

ANNEX I

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [\[C\(2012\)100/FINAL\]](#);

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council of 10 March 2005 concerning the Terms of Reference of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy [\[C\(2005\)26; C/M\(2005\)6\]](#);

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy [\[C\(2008\)209\]](#);

Having regard to the role of the Internet Economy in stimulating global sustainable economic growth and prosperity and to the ever increasing need for a consultative mechanism within the OECD whereby information, computer and communications policy problems of a national and international nature can be examined by Member countries, in co-operation with non Members, international organisations and non-governmental stakeholders, as appropriate, and reported to the Council;

Having regard to the 2008 Seoul Ministerial Declaration for the Future of the Internet Economy [\[SG\(2008\)99/FINAL\]](#) and to the OECD Report on Shaping Policies for the Future of the Internet Economy which was welcomed by Ministers, and to the leading role to be played by the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy in the follow-up to the Seoul Ministerial meeting;

DECIDES:

The Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy has the following mandate:

1. The Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy shall be responsible for promoting the policy and regulatory environments needed for the expansion of the Internet and information and communications technologies (ICTs) as a driver of innovation, productivity, growth, sustainable development, and social well-being. It will also be responsible for strengthening co-operation in this field between the Member countries and, as appropriate, between Member countries and non-Members.
2. The Committee shall, in particular, examine policy issues arising from the development and increasing use of the Internet and ICTs, and develop policies to:
 - a) Support innovation, investment, and competition in ICTs and related areas across the economy and society, and encourage creativity in the development and use of the Internet and ICT goods and services as a leading area of innovation;

- b) Facilitate convergence of digital networks, devices, applications and services, and promote ubiquitous access to ICT networks and services calling the attention of Member governments to the major implications of such developments.
- c) Contribute to strengthening the resilience and security of information systems and networks as well as the protection of privacy to enhance trust in the use of Internet and ICT goods and services.
- d) Foster co-operation among Member countries and facilitate the development, and, as appropriate, the co-ordination of their policies at the national and international levels.
- e) Promote exchange of experience among Member countries in the information, computer and communication policy areas, including the development of indicators to measure the information society.

3. The Committee shall determine the strategic orientations of its subsidiary bodies, and receive regular reports from them to ensure the co-ordination of their activities in furthering these orientations.

4. The Committee shall maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies within the OECD to ensure complementarity of efforts and effective use of resources. In the conduct of its work, the Committee will also, as appropriate, draw on the views and expertise of non-Members, international organisations and non-governmental stakeholders, and work with business, trade-unions, civil society, and the Internet technical community within a framework of co-operation that promotes mutual understanding and participation.

5. The mandate of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy shall remain in force until **31 March 2014**.

ANNEX II

MANDATE OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [\[C\(2012\)100/FINAL\]](#);

Having regard to Resolution of the Council C(87)138(Final);

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the Competition Committee [\[C\(2007\)121\]](#);

DECIDES:

A. The Competition Committee has the following mandate:

I. Objectives

- a) The main objective of the Competition Committee is to protect and promote competition as an organising principle of modern economies, based on the knowledge that vigorous market competition boosts growth and employment and makes economies more flexible and innovative.
- b) The intermediary objectives of the Committee include:
 - i) Reviewing developments in competition laws and policies both in individual countries and in international organisations;
 - ii) Examining and commenting upon particular competition law and policy issues taking into account the interaction between competition and other government policies;
 - iii) Enhancing the effectiveness of competition law enforcement, through measures that include the development of best practices and the promotion of cooperation among competition authorities of Member countries;
 - iv) Enhancing the effectiveness of pro-competitive economic reform, including by reviewing competition issues in jurisdictions and particular sectors, and identifying options for addressing these issues and developing best practices;
 - v) Proposing effective strategies and methods to help governments promote domestic pro-competitive reforms and overcome their transition costs;
 - vi) Strengthening synergies between competition policy and other framework policies in the work of the OECD;

- vii) Supporting sound domestic competition policies and fostering policy convergence internationally to avoid inefficiencies and potential conflicts resulting from different competition standards;
- viii) Promoting policy dialogue and cooperation with non-Members to encourage the implementation of competition best practices and principles, and providing related capacity building;
- ix) Promoting understanding of the benefits of competition for business and consumers.

II. Co-operation arrangements

- a) The Committee shall cooperate with other OECD committees on competition-related matters and seek to ensure that the Organisation as a whole promotes sound competition policy.
- b) The Committee shall keep itself informed of the competition related activities carried out in other international organisations, notably the International Competition Network. It will promote and develop, as practicable, partnerships with these organisations and seek to ensure effective complementarities while avoiding undue duplication with other international organisations where appropriate. The Committee shall provide a forum for consultations to enable delegates to exchange views on issues raised in these bodies.
- c) The Committee shall consider the views and input of BIAC and other major stakeholders in the competition field.
- d) The Committee shall encourage participation by non-OECD economies in the Committee's work and their implementation of the Committee's recommendations and best practices.

B. The mandate of the Competition Committee shall remain in force until **31 December 2014**.

ANNEX III

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MARKETS

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of the Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [\[C\(2012\)100/FINAL\]](#);

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council concerning the Establishment and Terms of Reference of a Group of Governmental Experts on Financial Markets [\[C\(69\)131\(Final\)\]](#);

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council amending the Resolution of the Council concerning the Establishment and Terms of Reference of a Group of Governmental Experts on Financial Markets [\[C\(71\)28\(Final\)\]](#);

Having regard to the Decision of the Council concerning the future of the Exchange Guarantee Agreement Between Certain Central Banks and of the Committee for Monetary and Foreign Exchange Matters [\[C\(75\)134\(Final\), Item IV\]](#);

Having regard to the Decision of the Council regarding a Sunset Clause for all Committees [\[C/M\(2004\)5, Item 75\]](#) which entered into force on 22 April 2004 [\[C/M\(2004\)10, Item 143, IV, c\]](#);

Having regard to the results of the In-depth Evaluation of the Committee on Financial Markets [\[C\(2007\)82\]](#) and [\[C\(2007\)82/CORR1\]](#);

Having regard to the recommendations approved by Council on the In-Depth Evaluation of the Committee on Financial Markets [\[C/M\(2007\)12, Item 158\]](#);

DECIDES

1. The mandate of the Committee on Financial Markets is as follows:
 - i) Objectives
 - a) The overarching objective of the Committee on Financial Markets is to promote efficient, open, stable and sound market-oriented financial systems, based on high levels of transparency, confidence and integrity. To achieve this objective, the Committee shall improve awareness and understanding of major financial policy issues and shall assist policymakers in designing, adopting and implementing relevant policies.

b) The main objectives of the Committee include:

- improving efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory approach in the financial sector;
- improving the capacity of financial markets and individuals to respond to financial challenges, in particular those associated with an ageing population and a riskier environment;
- improving financial education and awareness;
- promoting the contribution of financial markets and institutions to savings and investment, to the financing of business and individuals and to growth;
- promoting the liberalisation of international trade and market access in the financial services sector.

c) Additional objectives to be addressed by the Working Parties of the Committee are:

- improving public debt management;
- improving financial statistics.

d) With regard to non-Members, the Committee shall promote policy dialogue and co-operation, encourage the implementation of best principles and practices, and provide related assistance.

ii) Methods

a) In order to achieve these objectives, the Committee shall:

- develop in-depth and proactive surveillance of financial developments and of their impact on economic growth and stability;
- focus its work on delivering outputs of high quality and with high policy impacts and shall regularly assess whether these objectives are being met; it shall strive to achieve these objectives through policy dialogue, the collection of information and statistics, policy analysis, and the establishment of good practices and guidelines for adequate policies and regulations, and for mechanisms to facilitate their proper implementation;
- monitor and co-ordinate the work undertaken by the Organisation in the financial fields and, as appropriate, submit opinions, recommendations and proposals to the Council or to other Committees.

b) The Committee shall consider revisions to its mandate whenever appropriate, for instance following major policy developments in financial markets.

iii) Co-operation

a) The Committee shall co-operate with relevant OECD bodies, particularly the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee;

b) The Committee shall keep itself informed of the activities carried out in other international bodies in respect of financial issues, coordinate work and avoid duplication with these bodies, and shall provide a forum for consultations among Member countries to enable them to exchange views on issues raised in these bodies;

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- c) The Committee shall consider the views and input of major stakeholders in the financial field.

2. The mandate of the Committee on Financial Markets shall remain in force until **31 December 2014**.

ANNEX IV

MANDATE OF THE INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of the Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [\[C\(2012\)100/FINAL\]](#);

Having regard to the Recommendations of the Council on the In-Depth Evaluation of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee [\[C/M\(2007\)3](#), Item 27];

DECIDES:

1. The mandate of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee is as follows:

i) Objectives

- a) The overarching objective of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (hereinafter called “The Committee”) is to promote efficient, open and sound market-oriented insurance and private pensions systems, based on high levels of transparency, confidence, and integrity, and respecting recognised social objectives of these systems. The Committee shall assist policymakers in designing, adopting and implementing policies for achieving this objective.
- b) The main objectives of the Committee shall include:
 - improving insurance and private pensions awareness and education;
 - strengthening private pensions systems to help them address the challenges of ageing;
 - enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of insurance and private pensions regulation;
 - improving the financial management of large-scale risks.

ii) Methods

- a) In order to achieve these objectives, the Committee shall:
 - enhance surveillance of insurance and private pensions markets developments and of their impact on economic growth and development;
 - focus its work on delivering outputs of high quality and with high policy impacts and shall regularly assess whether these targets are being met. It shall strive to achieve these targets through policy dialogue, the collection of information and statistics, the development of policy analysis, and the elaboration of policy options and of good practices, guidelines and principles for adequate policies and regulations, and mechanisms to foster their appropriate implementation;

- monitor and co-ordinate work undertaken by the Organisation in the insurance and private pensions fields and, as appropriate, submit opinions, recommendations and proposals to the Council or to other Committees.

- b) The Committee shall consider revisions to the mandate whenever appropriate, for instance following major policy developments in insurance and private pensions markets.

iii) Co-operation

- a) The Committee shall co-operate with relevant OECD bodies, and especially the Committee on Financial Markets and the Working Party on Social Policy. It will also co-operate as necessary with the Investment Committee on work related to the insurance and pensions provisions of the OECD Codes of Liberalisation.
- b) The Committee shall keep itself informed of the activities carried out in other international bodies in respect of insurance and private pensions, coordinate work and avoid duplication with these bodies, especially the IOPS¹ and the IAIS², and shall provide a forum for consultations among Member countries to enable them to exchange views on issues raised in these bodies.
- c) The Committee shall co-operate closely with the major stakeholders in insurance and private pensions field, including in particular industry and -- whenever feasible -- consumers.
- d) The Committee shall, to the extent permitted by its resources, promote policy dialogue and co-operation with non-Member economies, encourage the implementation of best principles and practices, and provide related assistance. The work related to non-Member economies will be fully integrated into the programme of work of the Committee.

2. The mandate of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee shall remain in force until **31 December 2014**.

¹ International Organisation of Pension Supervisors.

² International Association of Insurance Supervisors.

ANNEX V
MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [\[C\(2012\)100/FINAL\]](#);

Having regard to paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 26 and 89 of the Report of the Preparatory Committee concerning the creation of a Committee for Agriculture;

Having regard to the Communiqués of the meetings of the Council at Ministerial level in 1982 and 1987;

Having regard to the Communiqués of the meetings of the Committee for Agriculture at Ministerial level in 1992 and 1998 and the Chair's summary of the 2005 High level meeting of the Committee for Agriculture;

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Committee for Agriculture [\[C\(2008\)182 and CORR1\]](#);

Considering the need for further domestic agricultural policy reform and integration of the agriculture and food sector into the multilateral trading system; and

Considering the need for maintaining the productive capacity and effective use of natural resources to satisfy future demand for food and non-food products;

DECIDES:

A. The Committee for Agriculture has the following mandate:

1. To provide a forum for the discussion of issues related to all aspects of agricultural, agro-food and agricultural trade developments and policies with a view to promoting mutual understanding of these developments and to improving the effectiveness of policies, at both the domestic and the international levels, as they affect agriculture and the agri-food sector, in ways consistent with the overall mission of the OECD.

Specifically,

- To define guidelines and promote best practices for a positive policy reform agenda with the purpose of helping governments to achieve their objectives for their agriculture and agri-food sectors in ways that are efficient, effective and no more trade distorting than necessary.
- To define and promote policy and market approaches that improve agriculture's contribution to sustainability in all its aspects, and improve its overall environmental performance against a

background of global issues that will be important for the sector concerning resource use (particularly water) and climate change, in Member and non-Member countries.

- To provide forward looking policy information, analysis and advice, that considers the perspectives of both Member and non-Member countries, so as to facilitate growth and development and the integration of the agriculture and agri-food sectors into the international trading system.
 - To monitor and analyse structural, economic and policy developments throughout the supply chain from farm to consumer, their implications for the farm sector and for farm sector policies.
2. Agricultural and agricultural trade developments and policies should be regularly monitored, using the best available qualitative and quantitative tools, and the impacts of structural change and policies on a range of sectoral performance criteria should be continuously evaluated.

In fulfilling this mandate the Committee for Agriculture will:

- Define the work to be undertaken during each programming period. Following the processes and schedules set for the Organisation as a whole, participate in all required reporting and evaluation mechanisms in place at OECD level, and manage the substantive and analytical work delegated to its subsidiary bodies.
- Work in close co-operation with other relevant committees, notably with the Trade Committee, the Environment Policy Committee, the Development Assistance Committee and the Territorial Development Policy Committee, striving for a full sharing of knowledge and expertise in pursuit of improved policy coherence.
- Engage with selected non-Member countries with a view to sharing experiences and expertise in policy development and evaluation and encouraging them to apply relevant OECD guidelines and recommendations. In this respect, Observers to the Committee will play a key role.
- Work in close co-operation with other international organisations notably the FAO, the World Bank and the WTO to share expertise, to provide mutual support, while avoiding overlap or duplication in the respective tasks undertaken.
- Develop close working relationships with international commodity organisations (ISO, IGC, IDF, IMS)³ in monitoring international commodity markets and developments to ensure that we benefit from their expertise and that our work programmes are mutually reinforcing.
- Involve non-governmental organisations in its work through consultation/advisory mechanisms such as BIAC, IFAP⁴ and TUAC and by engaging with relevant civil society organisations representing a broad cross-section of relevant interests.
- Undertake communication activities in Member countries, in light of the needs and interests in capitals and the availability of substantive policy relevant outputs from its work programme.

B. The mandate of the Committee for Agriculture shall remain in force until **31 July 2015**.

³ ISO: International Sugar Organisation; IGC: International Grains Council; IDF: International Dairy Federation; IMS: International Meat Secretariat.

⁴ IFAP: International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

ANNEX VI

MANDATE OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [C(2012)100/FINAL];

Having regard to paragraphs 21, 24 and 89 of the Report of the Preparatory Committee creating the Fisheries Committee as of 30 September 1961;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council regarding a Sunset Clause for all Committees [C/M(2004)5, Item 75] which entered into force on 22 April 2004 [C/M(2004)10, Item 143, IV, c)];

Having regard to the recommendation of the In-depth Evaluation of the Fisheries Committee [C(2008)80 and CORR1], approved by the Council at its 1179th Session on 17 July 2008 [C/M(2008)15, Item 172];

Having regard to the proposal to revise the mandate of the Fisheries Committee [C\(2008\)193/REVI](#);

DECIDES:

A. The mandate of the Fisheries Committee is as follows:

I. Objectives

The overarching policy objective of the Fisheries Committee is to use the specific strengths of the OECD to help promote well-managed, efficient and resilient fisheries and aquaculture that contribute to healthy ecosystems, while supporting sustainable livelihoods and communities, as well as to contribute to responsible trade and consumption.

Specifically, the Committee is mandated to achieve this outcome through:

- Helping OECD countries to identify needs, options and implementation advice for improved *domestic fisheries and aquaculture policy* – through effective monitoring, analysis and discussion of policy gaps, options and tradeoffs, and lessons from best practice.
- Improving the analytical foundations of *international fisheries and aquaculture policy debate and agenda-setting* by providing policy analysis and advice, especially on emerging issues, especially with a view to help develop consensus on sound management practices; and
- Enriching *OECD priorities and debate* on cross-cutting issues by adding perspectives of management challenges in a global, common-property and natural renewable resource to ensure that OECD wide policy advice is relevant to all economic sectors.

These objectives will be achieved through: collection, assessment and dissemination of key data; monitoring and analysis of structural, economic and policy developments throughout the supply chain (from fisher/producer to consumer), and of the implications for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and policies; policy dialogue and the provision of advice and recommendations; and outreach activities to ensure that the Committee is both open to diverse points of view and to maximise the impact of its work (see Appendix).

II. Co-ordination

To fulfil its mandate the Committee will, as appropriate, coordinate its activities with other bodies within the Organisation, and with other international organisations (in particular the FAO, the WTO, the World Bank and regional organisations, as appropriate), and undertake dialogue with fisheries stakeholders, including industry and non-governmental organisations.

B. The mandate of the Fisheries Committee shall remain in force until **31 July 2015**.

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The Committee will ensure high-quality economic analysis, policy advice and an understanding of best practice, to enable wise management, good governance and sound commercial arrangements of fisheries. The Committee will provide a forum for the discussion of issues related to all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture developments and policies, with a view to promoting mutual understanding of these developments -- the expected outcome of which is to enable wise management, good governance and sound commercial arrangements of fisheries and aquaculture, at both the domestic and the international level.

Context

The activities of the Committee are guided by the following context, which describes the environment in which the mandate of the Committee is anchored:

- The strength of the OECD in economic analysis, and its emphasis on economic efficiency as an important benchmark for analysis of domestic and international policy questions and options, including to ensure fisheries sustainability;
- The importance of fisheries sustainability and healthy marine ecosystems to economic and social wellbeing, and the need to both ensure recovery of stocks that are already depleted or over fished and address emerging threats to sustainability;
- The interconnectedness of the fisheries sector with other sectors and the international economy (i.e., through trade, investment, services, labour, technology and environmental policies), and the implications of these linkages for managing opportunities and risks for fisheries;
- The importance of efficient and effective conservation and management policies and international cooperation to sustain a common property resource such as fisheries, complemented by the role of market-based approaches and responsible trade in aligning incentives coherently;
- Due regard to the mandate of other OECD committees whose work has implications for fisheries, cross-cutting OECD issues, and other international bodies addressing fishery-related issues, and the specific strength of the Committee in economic and policy analysis in complementing this work;
- The special and diverse challenges to fisheries posed by emerging issues such as globalization and responsible trade. This includes the need for policy coherence in helping address the sustainable development needs and aspirations of non-OECD Members, especially developing countries;
- The dynamic nature of both the fisheries and OECD-wide policy agenda, and the need for the Committee to be alert, and able to respond, to new developments and policy priorities affecting its work.

Activities

The Committee's mandate frames the development and delivery of a program of work and budget consistent with OECD planning parameters which addresses current and emerging issues in the fisheries sector:

- *Collection, integration, assessment and dissemination* of key national and international fisheries statistics and information relevant to economic and policy analysis;
- *Monitoring* of current and emerging OECD and global trends, issues and policy developments relevant to the fisheries sector, with a view to identifying policy issues benefiting from in-depth analysis at the OECD;
- *In-depth analysis* of key current and emerging fisheries-related economic and policy issues, to better understand their nature and identify possible remedies at both the domestic and global level;
- *Policy dialogue* to explore benefits and costs of policy options, promote lessons learned from across OECD Members, seek agreement on policy principles and recommend ways forward to improve the sustainability and efficiency of the fisheries sector;
- Development and dissemination of *policy advice, recommendations and best practice* to help inform OECD Members and non-Members regarding domestic and international fisheries issues;
- *Outreach activities* that will demonstrate openness to diverse views in informing the Committee's activities, transparency about Committee activities, broaden the knowledge base for OECD Members and non-Members, and maximize the policy impact of the Committee's work; and
- A *proactive communications strategy* to ensure the widespread dissemination and maximum and long-lasting influence of the Committee's work among OECD Members, non-Members, within the OECD Secretariat, and in other relevant international bodies.

Monitoring

The Committee will periodically review its work, working methods and outcomes using, as appropriate, generic performance measures. These will be assessed in relation to its mandate and specific work deliverables, as enumerated in the Organisation's Programme of Work and Budget. The Committee will report to the Organisation, as required. The Committee will review its mandate on a regular basis in light of emerging developments and issues.

ANNEX VII

MANDATE OF THE TRADE 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 Ministerial Resolution of 23 July 1960 [OECD(60)9(Final)] and to paragraph 16 of the Report of the Preparatory Committee concerning the creation of a Trade Committee;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [C(2012)100/FINAL];

Having regard to the mandate of the Trade Committee as set out in Council Resolution [C\(2006\)6](#);

Having regard to the Trade Committee Draft Medium-Term Strategy [[TAD/TC\(2007\)2](#)];

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the Trade Committee [[C\(2008\)77](#) and [C\(2008\)77/CORR1](#)];

Having regard to the proposal to revise the mandate of the Trade Committee [[C\(2008\)177](#)];

Considering that international trade is essential for growth and sustainable economic development;

Considering that the mission of the Trade Committee is to provide a forum for international co-operation, dialogue and policy analysis in order to help countries benefit fully from trading opportunities and adjust to changing trade patterns, as encompassed in Article 1 of the OECD Convention;

DECIDES:

1. The Trade Committee shall have the following mandate:
 - a) Encourage frank and open dialogue among OECD Members and undertake and disseminate rigorous, objective trade policy analysis, in order to:
 - increase understanding of evolving trade policy issues, including on controversial subjects;
 - build support for liberalised trade within a strengthened multilateral, rules-based trading system;
 - contribute objective information and analysis to advance the on-going and future agenda of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);
 - support, as appropriate, multilateral trade negotiations;
 - facilitate the promotion of coherence between trade policy and other related domestic and international policies.

- b) Support the work on establishing common guiding principles and exchange of information in respect of Members' official export credit systems.
 - c) Collaborate closely with other relevant bodies of the OECD on cross-cutting issues related to trade.
 - d) Engage invited non-Members in the analytical work and policy dialogue of the Committee as appropriate.
 - e) As appropriate, consult and share information with the advisory bodies to the OECD, BIAC and TUAC, as well as civil society organisations and academia.
 - f) Co-operate with other international organisations, such as the World Bank, the IMF and others as appropriate, on issues of mutual interest.
2. The mandate of the Trade Committee shall remain in force until **31 July 2015**.