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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, THE HEALTH COMMITTEE, THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION POLICY 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 Development Assistance Committee (DAC) [[C\(2010\)123](#) & CORR1, already extended in [C\(2015\)73](#)], the Education Policy Committee [[C\(2011\)90](#)], and the Health Committee [[C\(2012\)28](#)], all due to expire on 31 December 2016, as well as the mandate of the Committee for Agriculture (COAG) [[C\(2008\)182](#) & CORR1, already extended in [C\(2015\)73](#)] due to expire on 31 July 2016.

Background

2. The proposed extensions will allow these four Committees to review their mandates, informed, in the case of the EDPC, by the results of its In-depth Evaluation (IDE) and the assessment of the continuing relevance of its substructure and, in the case of the DAC, the Health Committee and the COAG, other processes relevant for the mandate.

COAG

3. In light of the recommendations of the 2nd Cycle IDE of March 2016 [[C\(2016\)27](#)] and the April 2016 COAG Ministerial meeting, as well as the adoption of the Declaration on “Better Policies to Achieve a Productive, Sustainable and Resilient Global Food System” [[C\(2016\)71](#)], COAG held a first discussion on its revised mandate at its 18-19 May 2016 meeting [[TAD/CA\(2016\)9](#)]. It emerged from that discussion and a subsequent written procedure, that more and deeper discussions are needed for the Committee to reflect on the implications of these different events for the Committee’s mandate. Additional discussions are also needed for the Committee to review the relevance of its sub-structure and the mandates of its subsidiary bodies in the context of the revision and renewal of its mandate, in accordance with Rule 21 c) of the Rules of Procedure. It is thus proposed to exceptionally further extend the Committee mandate for another year, until July 2017, given that it will not be possible to return to the Council before the end of 2016 as the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 23-24 November 2016 [[TAD/CA\(2016\)6](#)]. Should the COAG agree on a revised mandate before July 2017, the new mandate will be submitted to the Council as early as feasible in the first semester of 2017.

Health Committee

4. The Ministerial meeting of the Health Committee will take place on 17 January 2017 and will address the overarching theme of the Next Generation of Health Reforms. The Health Committee agreed to propose to defer by one year the revision and renewal of the mandate in order to reflect therein the directions for future work to be provided by the OECD Health Ministers.

DAC

5. In the case of the DAC, it was agreed to establish a High Level Panel to develop proposals and recommendations for enhancing the Committee’s inclusiveness and representativeness and maximising its relevance and impact so as to better support sustainable development efforts. The Panel report is expected to be presented after the expiry of the current Committee mandate, at the DAC High Level Meeting in 2017.¹ It is proposed to further extend the Committee mandate for another year, until end-2017 to allow the DAC to review its mandate informed by the Panel report. The IDE results of the DAC of June 2016 [[C\(2016\)84](#)] are also expected to inform the mandate review.

¹ See [DAC/CHAIR\(2016\)2/REV1](#).

6. When discussing the mandate extension at its May 2016 session, the DAC agreed that the current mandate did not reflect the DAC's shift to adapt to the new realities embodied in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The DAC requested that the Council be informed that it is already responding to the needs of the SDGs and is fully conscious that the DAC mandate does not yet reflect this change.²

7. The proposal is to extend the mandates of the four Committees as follows:

- 31 July 2017, for the COAG [[TAD/CA\(2016\)6](#)];
- 31 December 2017, for the Health Committee [as approved by the Committee on 31 May 2016 through written procedure, [DELSA/HEA\(2016\)19](#)];
- 31 December 2017, for the DAC [as approved by the Committee at its 20 May 2016 session, [DCD/DAC\(2016\)26](#)];
- 31 July 2018 for the EDPC [as approved by the Committee at its 14-15 April 2016 session, [EDU/EDPC\(2016\)3](#)].

8. The section concerning the duration of the current mandates, which are reproduced in the Annexes, has been amended accordingly. In order to facilitate the review by the Council of these requests for mandate extension, they have been consolidated into a single document and presented in the draft conclusions below and in Annexes I to IV.

Proposed Action

9. 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\(2016\)94](#);
- b) agreed to extend the mandates of the:
 - i) Committee for Agriculture, as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2016\)94](#), until 31 July 2017;
 - ii) Health Committee, as set out in Annex II to document [C\(2016\)94](#), until 31 December 2017;
 - iii) Development Assistance Committee, as set out in Annex III to document [C\(2016\)94](#), until 31 December 2017;
 - iv) Education Policy Committee, as set out in Annex IV to document [C\(2016\)94](#), until 31 July 2018.

² See [DCD/DAC/M\(2016\)5](#), forthcoming.

ANNEX I

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)* in monitoring international commodity markets and developments to ensure that we benefit from their expertise and that our work programmes are mutually reinforcing.

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

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- Involve non-governmental organisations in its work through consultation/advisory mechanisms such as BIAC, IFAP** 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 2017**.

** IFAP: International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

ANNEX II
MANDATE OF THE HEALTH 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 In-depth Evaluation of the Group on Health [[C/ESG\(2006\)5/REV1](#) and [C/M\(2006\)16/PROV](#), Item 208];

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council establishing the Health Committee [[C\(2006\)175](#) and [C/M\(2006\)20](#), Item 264], as extended on 13 December 2011 [[C\(2011\)138](#) and [C/M\(2011\)20/PROV](#), Item 219];

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council concerning the participation of non-Members in the work of subsidiary bodies of the Organisation [[C\(2004\)132/FINAL](#)] and the revised global relations strategy for the Health Committee [[DELSA/HEA\(2010\)32](#) and [DELSA/HEA/M\(2010\)3/REV1](#)];

Recognising that good health is necessary for people to flourish as citizens, family members, workers and consumers, that improvements in health contribute to higher economic growth and improved welfare and that high-performing health systems are key to achieving better population health;

Acknowledging that while the health sector represents a large and growing share of OECD economies, health systems will face important challenges in the future, in particular in view of ageing populations; changing lifestyles; and technical change;

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Health Committee [[C\(2012\)28](#)];

DECIDES:

A. The Health Committee has the following mandate:

1. The overarching objective of the Health Committee shall be to foster improvements in the performance of Members, and as appropriate, non-Members' health systems in the following key areas:
 - Financial sustainability and efficiency of their health and long-term care systems;
 - Better preventive services and health promotion; and
 - The provision of high-quality health care to all.
2. This shall be accomplished by the provision of Output Results that assist policymakers in designing, adapting and implementing policies for achieving high-performing health systems.
3. In this context, the Health Committee will provide a forum for Members and, when appropriate, non-Members to share views and experiences on, and consider responses to, current and

emerging health issues and challenges. This will be achieved, by building a body of health data, by filling gaps in health data and analysis at the international level, and by undertaking international comparisons and economic analysis of health systems, including disease prevention, health promotion and public health programmes, bearing in mind the competences and mission of the OECD, and the fact there is no one ideal health system. More specifically, its activities will consist of:

- a. Encouraging co-operation among Members and non-Members in developing health accounts on a consistent basis, and in other relevant health data and information sharing.
 - b. Developing and promulgating health care indicators, and standardised, comparable sets of data and statistics, as a basis for research and analysis assessing the performance of OECD health systems.
 - c. Assessing options for sustainable financing of efficient health systems.
 - d. Assessing the performance of Members' and, where relevant, non-Members' health systems.
 - e. Undertaking policy analysis and evaluation to identify effective, efficient and high-quality policies and practices.
 - f. Working with non-Members on issues where such co-operation is mutually beneficial, promoting the sharing with non-Members of the health data systems and the expertise, information and experience which reside in Member countries.
 - g. Actively disseminating results through publication of studies and participation in conferences and meetings with policy-makers and stakeholders.
 - h. Co-ordinate initiatives and undertake joint activities with other relevant OECD Committees on policies around primary prevention (e.g. Education Policy).
4. In order to efficiently implement the aforementioned activities, the Committee shall:
- a. Maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies of the Organisation, seeking to (i) be actively engaged in, and where appropriate lead, joint work and ensure that it is undertaken in a co-ordinated manner; (ii) complement and support work that other bodies are leading; and (iii) ensure that other work of the OECD considers the impacts on health systems.
 - b. Maintain, as appropriate, and in conformity with the OECD Convention and Rules of Procedures, relations with other entities, particularly the WHO, seeking to achieve non-duplicative, co-ordinated and complementary work programmes in areas of shared interest and mutual benefit, conducting joint projects where appropriate and ensuring that the experience and expertise of other bodies is appropriately incorporated into the Committee's health work.
 - c. Ensure that the views and expertise of non-government institutions are drawn upon in the conduct of OECD's health work, utilising, inter alia, the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC), the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) and contacts with relevant non-governmental organisations, including organisations representing patients and health professionals and outside experts.

- d. Steer and review the progress of work and its financial status, and co-ordinate the work programmes of its subsidiary bodies and receive regular reports from them to ensure analysis and policy recommendations are fully integrated and evaluated.
 5. Where possible, Members shall appoint to the Health Committee high-ranking officials concerned with development, implementation or administration of health policies in their own countries.
 6. For the purpose of its activities in the health sector, the Organisation shall periodically collect all relevant statistics and other information; in principle, these data will be assembled by the Secretariat and published under the responsibility of the Secretary-General.
 7. The Health Committee will advise the Council on appropriate priorities for work on health and long-term care.
- B. The mandate of the Health Committee shall remain in force until **31 December 2017**.

ANNEX III

MANDATE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE 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 Paragraph 14 of the Report by the Preparatory Committee establishing the mandate of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) [CM(60)2(Final)];

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

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the DAC [\[C\(2007\)99](#) & CORR2 and [C/M\(2007\)17](#), Item 226 c)];

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Development Assistance Committee [\[C\(2010\)123\]](#);

Committed to supporting developing countries in their efforts to improve the lives of their peoples in a sustainable manner, including by attaining the Millennium Development Goals;

Recognising that members of the DAC continue their common efforts to increase resources for development and to improve their effectiveness;

Convinced of the need to align development co-operation to the specific context and challenges of each developing country and region;

Aware that poorer countries are constrained in their engagement with the global economy and are at risk of increasing marginalisation;

Aware that the policy choices of OECD countries and emerging economies as well as policy challenges relating to global public goods affect development results;

Recognising the need for the DAC to work with other policy communities and development stakeholders beyond its membership with a view to enhancing development results;

Convinced that sustainable and broad-based development of developing countries—including fragile and conflict affected states—is essential for global stability and inclusive growth;

Recognising that, while developing countries' ability to mobilise domestic resources as well as to access private and public finance extended on commercial terms should be supported given the contributions they make to economic development, many developing countries will continue to require official development assistance (ODA), at least throughout the period of this mandate;

DECIDES:

A. The Development Assistance Committee has the following mandate:

I. Objectives

The overarching objective of the DAC is to promote development co-operation and other policies so as to contribute to sustainable development, including pro-poor economic growth, poverty reduction, improvement of living standards in developing countries, and to a future in which no country will depend on aid.

In order to achieve this overarching objective, the Committee shall:

- a) monitor, assess, report, and promote the provision of resources that support sustainable development, as specified above, by collecting and analysing data and information on ODA and other official and private flows;
- b) review development co-operation policies and practices, particularly in relation to national and internationally agreed objectives and targets, and promote mutual learning;
- c) provide analysis, guidance and good practice to assist its Members and the expanded donor community to enhance the quality and effectiveness of development assistance, particularly regarding pro-poor economic growth and poverty reduction;
- d) analyse and help shape the rapidly evolving global development architecture to optimise development results.

II. Co-ordination Arrangements

The Committee shall:

- a) promote perspectives on global public goods and policy coherence for development in co-ordination with other policy communities in OECD;
- b) engage or invite non-Member countries—in particular those with major development co-operation programmes—international organisations, private sector organisations, and civil society representatives, so as to assure the relevance and inclusiveness of DAC's work.*

III. Special Delegated Power

The Committee shall continue to make recommendations to Members of the Committee, as well as to the Council, within its competence on matters related to development.

B. The mandate of the Development Assistance Committee shall remain in force until **31 December 2017**.

* OECD countries that are not Members of the DAC are entitled to participate in all meetings of the DAC and its Subsidiary Bodies in areas of mutual interest.

ANNEX IV

MANDATE OF THE EDUCATION POLICY 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 concerning the participation of non-Members in the work of subsidiary bodies of the Organisation [[C\(2004\)132/FINAL](#)];

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council of 22 July 1970 establishing an Education Committee [C(70)134], as last renewed and renamed by Council on 14 December 2006, Education Policy Committee [[C\(2006\)173](#) and [C/M\(2006\)20](#), Item 265];

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the Education Policy Committee [[C\(2010\)149](#) and [C/M\(2011\)2](#), Item 11, ii)];

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Education Policy Committee [[C\(2011\)90](#)];

DECIDES:

A. The Education Policy Committee is renewed with the following revised mandate:

1. The work of the Education Policy Committee (EDPC) reflects and complements the priorities of the OECD as a whole, in providing employment opportunities for all, improving human capital and social cohesion. The Committee contributes to supporting OECD Members and non-Members in their efforts to achieve high quality lifelong learning for all, which contributes to personal development, sustainable economic growth and social cohesion. It is carried out with due regard to the respective mandates of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), the Programme on Institutional Management of Higher Education (IMHE), and the Programme on International Student Assessment (PISA).

2. In helping Members and non-Members build efficient and effective educational systems and improve learning outcomes, the EDPC provides comparative data and analysis on education policy and implementation. In its focus on education, economy and society, the EDPC covers policy issues ranging from early childhood education and care, schools and higher education to skill formation in youth and adults.

3. The EDPC is responsible for:

- assisting governments to develop effective, efficient and evidence-based policies for education and learning to meet individual, social, cultural and economic objectives through the development of specific policy recommendations, policy reviews, analyses and data collection;
- overseeing the strategic direction, coherence, quality and communication of OECD work on education carried out by the education bodies;

- exchanging information and promoting international co-operation among OECD Members and, where relevant, with non-Members on the objectives identified under 1) above;
- disseminating its policy advice, data and policy analysis to a wide range of stakeholders in OECD Members and non-Members.

Participation

4. Governments should, whenever possible, appoint to the Education Policy Committee senior officials with direct responsibility for advising their governments on general education policy and the allocation of educational resources.
5. The Council of Europe and UNESCO attend meetings of the Committee as observers.
6. The Chairs or a Vice-Chair of the Governing Boards of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), the Programme on Institutional Management in Higher Education (IMHE), and the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) may attend meetings of the Committee *ex officio*.

Relationship with other bodies

7. The EDPC shall maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies of the Organisation working on issues that affect the development and implementation of education policy and have implications for other policy areas. The Committee shall enhance its relations with other international and regional organisations active in this policy field to maximise synergies. It may consult with non-governmental bodies, as and when necessary.

Co-ordination of the OECD's Work on Education

8. The Committee will develop a medium-term strategy for work in the field of education, foster coherence in the overall programme of work of the other Education bodies and evaluate this work at the strategic level.
9. For work delegated to its subsidiary bodies, it shall ensure clarity of mandates, provide guidance on priorities and establish integrated oversight and evaluation mechanisms. It shall receive regular reports from subsidiary bodies to ensure their co-ordination, policy integration, timeliness and evaluation.

Duration

- B. The mandate of the Education Policy Committee shall remain in force until **31 July 2018**.