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**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON
STATISTICS AND STATISTICAL POLICY**

(Note by the Secretary-General)

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1. Purpose

1. This note seeks approval from the Council on extending, on a temporary basis, the mandate of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy [[C\(2013\)82](#)], due to expire on 31 December 2018.
2. The proposed extension will allow the Committee to review its mandate, informed by the results of its In-depth Evaluation (IDE). This proposed extension is in line with recent practice throughout the Organisation, with extensions agreed by the Council earlier in 2018, for similar reasons (see e.g. the temporary mandate renewals of the Education Policy Committee, the Economic and Development Review Committee, the Economic Policy Committee and the Committee on Fiscal Affairs [[C\(2018\)72](#)]).

2. Background

3. The Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (CSSP) was originally created in 2004 to oversee the broad range of statistics and statistical policy issues relevant to the Organisation. Its overarching objective is to foster the development of policy on the basis of reliable data and evidence-based analysis, and to provide reliable, internationally-comparable statistical information.
4. The current mandate of the CSSP expires on 31 December 2018 [[C\(2013\)82](#)]. The IDE of the CSSP is currently scheduled to take place in the course of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020. In order for the Committee to take into account the full outcomes of its IDE when discussing its mandate renewal, it is suggested to extend the current mandate of the CSSP for a period of 18 months until 31 July 2020.

3. Proposed extension

5. The proposal to extend the mandate of the CSSP was approved by the Committee on 18 May 2018 by written procedure [[SDD/CSSP\(2018\)3](#)].
6. As required by Rule 21 c) of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee will have to submit to the Council, together with the proposed renewal of its mandate, the results of its evaluation of the continuing relevance of its substructure.
7. The proposed revised mandate is annexed to this document (see Annex I). The preamble has been modified to refer to this proposed revision, while the section concerning duration has been amended to reflect the proposed extension detailed above.

4. Proposed action

8. 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\(2018\)123](#);
- b) agreed to extend the mandate of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2018\)123](#) until 31 July 2020.

Annex I

Mandate of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy

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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 document [C\(2003\)217](#) and its CORR1 on the Establishment of an OECD Committee on Statistics as last renewed by Council on 16 October 2008 [[C\(2008\)126/REV1](#) and C/M(2008)18, Item 245];

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the Committee on Statistics [[C\(2013\)18](#) and its CORR1 and [C/M\(2013\)8](#), Item 70];

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Committee on Statistics and the proposal to rename it the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (CSSP) [[C\(2013\)82](#) and its CORR1];

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy [[C\(2018\)123](#)];

DECIDES:

A. The Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (hereinafter “the Committee”), has the following mandate:

Objectives

1. The overarching objective of the Committee is to foster the development of policy by Members and important Partners (non-Members) on the basis of reliable data and evidence-based analysis and to provide civil society with reliable, internationally-comparable statistical information.
2. The Committee seeks to achieve this objective by overseeing the OECD’s statistical policy and the broad range of statistics relevant to the Organisation to ensure:
 - i. statistics within the OECD are dealt with in a well-coordinated and horizontal manner, taking into account that all substantive committees and bodies that are launching a major statistical project are invited by Council to consult with the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy at the onset of such project;
 - ii. the development of innovative conceptual work, policy-relevant measures and dissemination tools.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities it shall:
 - i. be responsible to Council for the statistical policy of the OECD, both within the Organisation and vis-à-vis the rest of the world;

- ii. play a consultative role with respect to major statistical projects of other OECD substantive committees in order to help them achieve their objectives in the most efficient way; in particular, identify, and respond to, new and emerging statistical needs of policymakers; and anticipate and address related data supply issues;
- iii. ensure that OECD statistics are produced according to high-quality standards;
- iv. officially review and approve methodological recommendations elaborated by other committees on specific statistical subjects, and promote their implementation;
- v. approve common standards for data and metadata exchange between the OECD and national data and other international data providers;
- vi. foster the development of innovative tools for data dissemination;
- vii. maintain relations with other international organisations, seeking to achieve co-ordinated and complementary work programmes in areas of shared interest and mutual benefit;
- viii. seek to involve important Partners in the activities of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy and its subsidiary bodies, and in specific OECD statistical activities undertaken by the Organisation's various substantive committees and bodies in order to:
 - a) improve the availability, quality and international comparability of statistics produced by national sources in both OECD and Partners;
 - b) promote convergence in statistical standards used by OECD and Partners;
 - c) engage with Partners on strategic issues for statistical policy in response to new and emerging policy needs.
- ix) take appropriate action on any other topics submitted by the OECD Chief Statistician that are relevant for conducting his/her tasks.

Duration

- B. The mandate shall remain in force until **31 July 2020**.