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CONCERNING FEES FOR REGULAR OBSERVER COUNTRIES AND NON-MEMBER FULL PARTICIPANTS IN OECD SUBSIDIARY BODIES

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Having regard to the Resolution of the Council concerning the participation of non-Members in the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Organisation [C(2004)132/FINAL] in particular paragraphs 5 c) and 6 a) of its Annex II;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council C(96)223/FINAL, concerning fees for non-Member participation in subsidiary bodies of the Organisation;

Noting the wish to revise the Resolution C(96)223/FINAL, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in documents C(2004)185; C(2004)185/REV1; and C(2006)50;

DECIDED that the following fees shall be applicable to non-Member participants:

1. Regular observers

- i) an annual fee of 5,000 EUR shall be applicable to a non-Member participant for a committee reporting directly to Council ("main committee"), including its subordinate bodies covered by the invitation;
- ii) an annual fee of 1,700 EUR per subordinate body shall be applicable to a non-Member participant when the non-Member is not an observer in the parent main committee, up to a maximum of 5,000 EUR for more than three subordinate bodies of the same committee;
- iii) the significant marginal costs of the observer's initial integration and of subsequent special activity related to the observer, to the extent those costs exceed its annual fees for the body concerned;
- iv) the fees will be subject to an automatic annual increase equal to the official French inflation rate of the previous calendar year. The resulting figures will be rounded to the nearest hundred;

2. Full participants

- i) an annual percentage share, calculated on the basis used for Member state assessments, of the estimated costs of the subsidiary body concerned, including a 10 percent overhead charge, or a fee of 1.5 times the relevant observer fee, whichever is higher;
- ii) any significant marginal costs of the participant's initial integration;

3. Ceiling

In no case shall the total fees of a non-Member participant exceed the minimum total budget contribution of a Member country;

AGREED that these fees would be treated analogously to voluntary contributions as additions to the Organisation's resource base for budget purposes and that the related cost to the Organisation of non-Member participation will be financed by them;

INVITED the Secretary-General to propose modifications and waivers as appropriate.