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**DECISION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE CO-OPERATIVE ACTION
PROGRAMME ON LOCAL ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT**

**(adopted by the Council at its 928th Session on 11 June 1998
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THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14th December 1960 and, in particular, Articles 1 a), 5 a), 9 and 20 thereof;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of 8 April 1994 concerning the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development [C(94)23(FINAL)];

Having regard to the Note by the Secretary-General on the Renewal of the Mandate of the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development [C(98)69] and the opinion of the Directing Committee of the Programme [Annex III to C(98)69];

Considering that the Governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Commission of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants") have formally expressed their willingness to participate in a Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development;

On the proposal of the Secretary-General;

DECIDES:

Article 1

Definition of the Programme

- a) The Co-operation Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development, established within the framework of the Organisation, is hereby maintained.
- b) The main objectives of the Programme shall be:
 - i) to promote the exchange of experience and information and the diffusion of innovation concerning the development of local employment and entrepreneurship and the renewal of local economies;
 - ii) to design the methods for and to undertake the social and economic evaluation of new employment and enterprise initiatives and local economic and social policies;
 - iii) to provide support and assistance for Member countries in the design, implementation and assessment of local development strategies.
- c) A programme of work shall be adopted by the Council and implemented by the Secretary-General. The programme of work may include activities to be financed in part from voluntary contributions from public institutions and grants from private foundations.

Article 2

Composition of the Directing Committee

- a) Each Participant shall appoint at least one representative to the Directing Committee. Representatives to the Directing Committee of the Programme (hereinafter referred to as the "Directing Committee") should be chosen by virtue of their responsibilities in matters relating to Local Economic and Employment Development.
- b) Participants may appoint experts to assist their representatives and the Directing Committee.
- c) The Directing Committee shall designate every two years from among its members a Chairman and at least two Vice-Chairmen who will constitute the Bureau.

Article 3

Functions of the Directing Committee

- a) The Directing Committee shall be competent to consider all questions related to the carrying out of the Programme.
- b) Each year the Directing Committee shall submit to the Council for adoption the draft programme of work for the following year.
- c) The Directing Committee shall submit a summary activity report each year to the Council.

Article 4

Financing of Expenditure

- a) The expenditure arising from the implementation of the Programme shall be charged against the appropriations authorised for it under Part II of the Budget of the Organisation.
- b) The above-mentioned appropriations shall be financed by special contributions paid by the Participants, voluntary contributions and grants.
- c) The Directing Committee shall submit to the Council for adoption the annual estimates of expenditure and of income for the Programme.

Article 5

Relations with other Institutions

In order to further the objectives of the Programme, the Secretary-General may establish appropriate working relations, in agreement with a Member government, with a national institution concerned with local economic development and employment creation. Such relations may include the encouragement, promotion or assistance of activities of such institutions. The same arrangements may be

applicable to other international organisations with a view to strengthening international co-operation in relation to job creation and local development.

Article 6

Participants

- a) The Participants shall be the Member countries listed in the Preamble and the Commission of the European Communities.
- b) Any Member country of the Organisation the Government of which does not participate in the present Decision may participate in it by addressing a notification to the Secretary-General to this effect.

Article 7

Duration

This Decision repeals the Decision of 8 April 1994, referred to above, and shall terminate on 31st December 2000, unless the Council decides otherwise.