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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE
TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION,
COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

(adopted by the Council at its 940th Session on 21 January 1999 [C/M(99)1])

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THE COUNCIL,

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

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council of 27th January 1994 concerning the Terms of Reference of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy [C(93)180/FINAL];

Having regard to the continuing 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 and reported to the Council;

Having regard to the Conclusions of the October 1998 Ottawa Ministerial Conference "A Borderless World: Realising the Potential of Global electronic Commerce" [SG/EC(98)14/FINAL], in particular to the OECD Action Plan for Electronic Commerce which was endorsed by Ministers [SG/EC(98)9/FINAL], and to the leading role to be played by the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy in the follow-up to this Conference;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

DECIDES:

I. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

1. The Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy shall be responsible for examining policy issues arising from the development and application of technologies in the field of information, computer and communications systems and services, such as electronic commerce and information infrastructure issues, including the impact of such issues on the economy and on society in general, and for strengthening co-operation in this field between the Member countries and, as appropriate, between Member countries and non-Member countries.

2. The Committee shall, in particular, be responsible in this field for:

- a) promoting exchanges of experience among Member countries on the development and application of technologies in the field of information, computer and communications systems and services as well as on national and international policies;
- b) analysing developments and calling the attention of Member governments to the major implications of such developments;
- c) facilitating the development of information infrastructure, electronic commerce, information security and privacy protection, and information, computer and communications policy at the national and international level;
- d) fostering co-operation among Member countries and as appropriate, co-ordination of their policies.

3. The Committee shall maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies of the Organisation, and other international organisations active in the field of information, computer and communications policy as well as with regional bodies. The Committee shall also develop, as appropriate, partnerships with business, trade unions and public interest groups.

4. The Terms of Reference of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy shall remain in force until 1 March 2004, unless the Council decides otherwise.

II. AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Paragraph 27 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation shall be amended as follows: “Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy: its terms of reference are defined in the Resolution of the Council C(99)13/FINAL.”