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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1123rd SESSION

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291. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and adopted the draft Agenda for its 1123rd session [C/A(2005)22/PROV], the items concerning the Multi-year Financial Commitments [C(2005)165] and the Report by the Chair of the Review Committee [C(2005)154] being postponed to a next session.

**292. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD
OF THE 1122nd SESSION**

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Record of its 1122nd session [C/M(2005)21/PROV].

**293. STRENGTHENING THE NEPAD-OECD AFRICA
INVESTMENT INITIATIVE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2005)139/REV1;
- b) endorsed the proposal on strengthening the NEPAD/OECD Africa Investment Initiative, as outlined in document C(2005)139/REV1.

**294. INVENTORY OF OECD FACILITIES LOCATED OUTSIDE
HEADQUARTERS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted documents C(2005)135 and its CORR1 & CORR2 and ANN/REV1, and CE/M(2005)16, Item 124;
- b) asked the Secretariat to provide periodic updates of the inventory of entities located outside OECD headquarters (hereafter "entity/ies"), including their costs;
- c) noted that any new proposal for the use of the OECD name by an entity will require prior approval by the Secretary-General;
- d) noted that, in each case, the relevant committees, including the CCN, will be kept informed of the activities of entities in their fields of interest;
- e) noted that the Secretary-General will consult with Council before the Organisation undertakes to sign or renew any Memorandum of Understanding or similar commitment regarding the creation, continuation or expansion of any entity that involves financing, in all or in part, from the OECD Parts I or II budgets, or the recruitment of OECD staff members to be located at this entity, or its designation as an "OECD" entity.

295. REPORT BY THE TECHNICAL TASK FORCE ON COST IMPLICATIONS OF ENLARGEMENT: FOLLOW-UP

THE COUNCIL

- a) recalled its previous conclusions C/M(2005)17, Item 218, and C/M(2005)21, Item 278, concerning the Technical Task Force on Cost Implications of Enlargement Report and its follow-up [for reference: C(2005)87, CES(2005)24 and ADD1], and noted document CE/M(2005)16, Item 125;
- b) commended the Technical Task Force on Cost Implications of Enlargement for its work in fulfilling its mandate to provide informed estimates of the recurring and non-recurring costs, and an informed estimate of capital contributions, of an OECD enlargement by hypothetical new Members;
- c) noted that the Report by the Task Force is a valuable basic element for further consideration at the relevant time;
- d) noted that the Report, as stated in paragraph 4, is neutral concerning the countries potentially involved.

296. TECHNICAL SITE MAINTENANCE: MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2005)150 and its CORR1;
- b) authorised the multi-year financial commitment proposal as set out in paragraph 7 of document C(2005)150.

297. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN 2005

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2005)140;
- b) approved supplementary appropriations for the financial year 2005, Title I, Part II, as follows:
Chapter 31 – Development Centre 50 000 EUR;
- c) approved an increase in estimated income for the financial year 2005, Title I, Part II, as follows:
Chapter 31 – Development Centre
Item 1 – Participating Country Contributions 50 000 EUR.

298. 2004 REPORT BY THE BOARD OF AUDITORS; DECISION ON THE CLOSING AND APPROVAL OF THE 2004 ACCOUNTS OF THE ORGANISATION; DECISION ON

THE APPROVAL OF THE 2003-2004 ACCOUNTS OF THE STAFF PROVIDENT FUND

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the Report by the Board of Auditors [C(2005)54/PART1, CORR1 and PART2], the comments by the Secretariat [ADD1 to C(2005)54/PART1 and PART2], and the presentation by the Chair of the Board of Auditors, Mr. Mordacq;
- b) noted the report by the Chairs of the Budget and Review Committees [C(2005)160 and CORR1] and documents C(2005)133 and C(2005)134;
- c) noted the comments by Members of the Council, including the statement by Germany on timely payment of assessed contributions by all Member countries, and the comments by the Secretariat;
- d) adopted the draft Decision concerning the Final Closing and Approval of the Accounts of the Organisation for the Financial Year 2004, as set out in the Annex to document C(2005)133, and gave formal discharge to the Secretary-General from all liability in respect of his administration for the Financial Year 2004;
- e) adopted the draft Decision concerning the Approval of the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Staff Provident Fund of the Organisation for the Financial Years 2003 and 2004, as set out in Annex I to document C(2005)134, and gave formal discharge to the Secretary-General for his administration for the Financial Years 2003 and 2004.

299. A FRAMEWORK FOR OECD RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBERS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the document C(2005)158 and its CORR1 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the CCN;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;
- c) approved the framework for relations with non-Members described in paragraphs 29 to 34 of C(2005)158*;
- d) endorsed** the guidance to Committees in the overall context of the PWB 2007-2008 set out in paragraphs 35 to 49 of document C(2005)158, the subheadings in paragraph 39, 1 to 7, being deleted and the words “with European, Caucasus, and Central Asian countries” being added at the end of the first sentence of paragraph 39.3*;

* This document will be reissued as C(2005)158/FINAL.

** Japan confirmed on 25 November 2005 its agreement given *ad referendum*.

- e) noted the statement by the European Commission (see Annex 1).

**300. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE EMPLOYMENT,
LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELSA) Committee (posted since on the EDG as Room Document No. 8);
- b) noted the comments and questions from the lead participant, the Permanent Representative of France, the other Members of the Council, and the responses from the Chair of the ELSA Committee and the Secretariat.

**301. PREPARATION OF THE 23-24 MAY 2006 MINISTERIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2005)103 and the introductory remarks by Greece in its capacity as Chair of the 2006 MCM;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council, and in that context, endorsed the general orientation for the organisation of MCM 2006, as set out in paragraphs 6 to 12 of document C(2005)103;
- c) agreed to invite Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to participate in the main economic sessions of the MCM;
- d) invited the CCN to evaluate and recommend, after the Hong Kong Trade Ministerial Meeting in December 2005, which non-Members should be invited to the Trade Session of the MCM;
- e) agreed to return, at a later stage, to the other aspects of the preparation of MCM 2006, including the structure of the Trade Session, and related events.

**302. PROPOSAL ON THE HOSTING BY THE OECD OF THE SUPPORT
UNIT FOR THE AFRICA PARTNERSHIP FORUM (APF)**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by Deputy Secretary-General Akasaka on the proposal to host the support Unit for the Africa Partnership Forum at the OECD (for reference: see Room Document No. 3 of 27 October 2005 and Room Document No. 6);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;

- c) noted that a draft OECD/APF Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) setting forth the details of hosting the APF Support Unit within the OECD would be submitted to Council via the Executive Committee.

303. OECD CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND MEDIUM-TERM ORIENTATIONS SURVEY FOR 2007-2008

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Secretariat on the results of the Medium-term orientations survey (Room Documents No. 2 and 3);
- b) noted the comments by the Members of the Council;
- c) agreed to pursue the discussion on the Secretary-General's document on Challenges and Strategic Objectives [C(2005)137] at its Prague session.

304. COUNCIL WORKING PARTY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE ENLARGEMENT ON OECD GOVERNANCE: PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIR

THE COUNCIL

noted the Progress Report by the Chair of the Working Party on the Implications of Future Enlargement on OECD Governance [C(2005)153].

305. OECD SITE PROJECT: REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE INFORMAL GROUP

THE COUNCIL

noted the report by the Chair of the Informal Site Group (see also Room Document No. 5).

306. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) Address by the Secretary-General

- a) noted the text of the address by the Secretary-General to the "APEC 2005 Investment Opportunities" Conference held in Busan, Korea, on 16 November 2005 (circulated as Room Document No. 4);

ii) Prague session: 2 December 2005

- b) approved provisionally the draft Agenda for its Prague session as proposed in Room Document No. 1, modified to take account of the previous discussion and the final programme established by the Czech Authorities (circulated as Room Document No. 7).

**307. DEPARTURE OF THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF POLAND**

THE COUNCIL

paid tribute to Ambassador Bielawski for the manner in which he carried out his duties as Permanent Representative, and offered him its best wishes for the future.

DOCUMENT APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 16 November 2005 [CES/PE(2005)19]:

**308. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OFFERED BY
BELGIUM**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2005)162;
- b) accepted the voluntary contributions or grants set out in document C(2005)162, authorised additional appropriations and increased the estimates of income in the Budget of the Organisation for the Financial Year 2005 by an amount of EUR 500 000.

ANNEX 1

Statement by the European Commission

The European Commission welcomes the progress represented by the Council decision of 23 November 2005 approving the defining of “A Framework for OECD Relations with non-Members” [document C(2005)158, as amended].

The Commission understands that the regional approach defined in Section 3 of the said document implies that suitable attention will be given, in particular, to relations with member countries of the European Union which are not Members of the OECD, and with countries that are candidates for membership of the European Union.

ANNEX 2

PRESENT

Mr. Johnston (Président/Chairman)

Mr. Holborn	Allemagne/Germany
Mr. Kindermann	"
Ms. Ingram	Australie/Australia
Mr. Stacher	Autriche/Austria
Ms. Rotheiser-Scotti	"
Mr. Van Haute	Belgique/Belgium
Ms. Bourgon	Canada
Mr. Kwon	Corée/Korea
Mr. Lee	"
Mr. Brückner	Danemark/Denmark
Mr. Ballestero	Espagne/Spain
Ms. Morella	Etats-Unis/United States
Mr. Reid	"
Ms. Kyöstilä	Finlande/Finland
Mr. Nordberg	"
Mr. Darcos	France
Mr. Voillery	"
Mr. Hervé	"
Mr. Courakis	Grèce/Greece
Mr. Andreou	"
Mr. Lotz	Hongrie/Hungary
Mr. Rowan	Irlande/Ireland
Mr. Orlach	Islande/Iceland
Mr. Jóhannesson	"
Mr. Cabras	Italie/Italy
Mr. Lambertini	"
Mr. Kitajima	Japon/Japan
Mr. Hayashi	"
Mr. Wurth	Luxembourg
Mr. Elizondo	Mexique/Mexico
Ms. Storm	Norvège/Norway
Ms. Hellstrøm	"
Ms. Lee	Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand
Mr. Verheul	Pays-Bas/Netherlands
Mr. Bielawski	Pologne/Poland
Mr. Ferro Rodrigues	Portugal
Ms. Kotova	République slovaque/Slovak Republic
Mr. Bambas	République tchèque/Czech Republic
Mr. Lyscom	Royaume-Uni/United Kingdom
Mr. Moon	"
Ms. Andersson	Suède/Sweden
Ms. Andrae	"
Mr. Jaggi	Suisse/Switzerland
Mr. Özsoy	Turquie/Turkey
Ms. Karakas	"

Mr. Vanden Abeele	Commission européenne/European Commission
Ms. Spatolisano	"
Mr. Mordacq (Item 298)	Président du Collège des Commissaires aux Comptes/Chairman of the Board of Auditors, SGE/COL
Ms. Fouquet (Item 300)	Présidente du Comité ELSA/Chair of ELSA Committee
Mr. Schlögl	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Hecklinger	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Ásgeirsdóttir	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Akasaka	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Hutton	Directeur exécutif/Executive Director
Mr. Martin	Directeur/Director, ELSA
Mr. Burgeat	Directeur/Director, CCNM
Mr. Harmel	Directeur, Secrétariat du Conseil/Director, Council Secretariat
Mr. Carey	Directeur adjoint/Deputy Director, DCD
Ms. Durand	Directeur adjoint/Deputy Director, ELSA
Mr. Saucier	Chef de Service/Head of Service, EXD/FIN
Mr. Rottier	Chef de Division/Head of Division, EXD/PBP
Ms. Bacelj	Responsable de la gestion basée sur les résultats et du Cté du budget/ Manager, Results-based Management and Budget Committee