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5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair, including:
 - that document C(2011)23 (Revision of the Budget for the OECD Seed Schemes) is removed from the agenda and will be submitted to Council at a future session;
 - that document C(2011)21 (Revision of the Budget of a Part II Programme on Chemicals) will be dealt with as a “b point”;
 - his expression of sympathy, in the name of the Council, to Australia for the floods and wildfires that have struck the country;
 - his welcoming remarks to the new Members of the Council;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;
- c) adopted the draft Agenda for its 1236th session [C/A(2011)2/PROV], as amended.

6. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1234th SESSION

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Record of its 1234th session
[C/M(2010)24/PROV&ADD1].

7. ACTIVITY REPORTS

THE COUNCIL

i) Report by the Secretary-General

- a) noted the report by the Secretary-General;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;

ii) Contributions of the Organisation to the G20

- c) noted the report by the Chief of Staff of the Secretary-General & OECD G20 Sherpa and Deputy Secretary-General Padoan;
- d) noted the remarks by France and the comments by Members of the Council.

8. THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SITUATION: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the reports by Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist Padoan and the Secretariat (see PPT presentations posted on the Council Extranet and

distributed in session; for reference, see also the Secretariat note, “The World in 2011 – A Glance at the New Year in Eleven Words”);

- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;
- c) noted the synthesis document set out in Room Document No. 1, the paper by the International Economic Policy Studies Association, “Surveillance by International Institutions: Lessons from the Global Financial Crisis”, set out in Room Document No. 6, as well as the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 4 February, distributed in session (and posted on the Council Extranet).

9. PREPARATION OF THE 25-26 MAY 2011 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THE COUNCIL

i) Latest Developments (including the Forum)

- a) noted Room Document No. 2 and the introductory remarks by the Chair, the United States, in its capacity as MCM Chair, and Deputy Secretary-General de Geus, as well as the update on the Forum preparations by the Secretariat;
- b) noted the comments by the Members of the Council;

ii) Participation of Non-Members, International Organisations and BIAC/TUAC

- c) noted document C(2011)25 and the introductory remarks by Deputy Secretary-General de Geus;
- d) noted the comments by Members of the Council;
- e) agreed to invite Accession and Enhanced Engagement countries to participate in all MCM sessions, except for any internal management session(s);
- f) agreed also that the Accession and Enhanced Engagement countries be invited to participate in the preparations for the MCM at meetings of Members of the Council, as agreed by Council and starting with 25 February, and in the part of the 5-6 May ECSS meeting devoted to the MCM preparations;
- g) agreed to invite the other regular observers in the Trade Committee, namely Argentina and Hong Kong, China, to participate in the part of the MCM devoted to Trade;
- h) agreed also to invite the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Financial Stability Board (FSB), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Bank (WB) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) to participate as observers in the MCM, except for any internal management session(s);

- i) agreed that consultations will take place with BIAC and TUAC prior to the start of the MCM and that representatives of BIAC and TUAC will be invited to attend the MCM as experts, except for any internal management session(s);
- j) agreed to return to the MCM preparations at its next session.

**10. OECD WORK ON MEASURING PROGRESS:
PLANNED DELIVERABLES**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)27 and the presentation by the Secretariat (see PPT presentation, posted on the Council Extranet);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council;
- c) noted the outputs on Measuring Progress that are planned for release in October 2011 and during the OECD Week in May 2011;
- d) invited the Secretariat to inform Council regularly on progress in the preparation of these outputs.

11. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION

THE COUNCIL

i) Territorial Development Policy Committee (TDPC)

- a) noted document C(2011)3 and its CORR1 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee and the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee;
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Territorial Development Policy Committee (hereafter “TDPC”) was “medium to high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, “high to very high” for efficiency and “high” for effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the TDPC should:
 - i) raise its profile beyond the delegates’ ministries and agencies in order to promote the relevance of territorial development policy with respect to responding to both the current global economic crisis and the engendering of long-term economic development;
 - ii) develop work processes, including using electronic means, to alleviate constraints arising from the annual meeting cycle of two of its working parties;
 - iii) ensure that it is kept fully informed of, or involved in, horizontal work conducted under its auspices and receive regular reports on work conducted elsewhere in the Organisation linked to its own work;

- iv) ensure, with a view to developing relations with the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED), that the division of labour between these two bodies is clarified;
- v) develop a global relations strategy to reinforce the sharing of experience between Members and non-Members, and examine whether a steering group should be established in this context;
- d) invited the TDPC to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in sub-paragraph c), items i) to v) above;
- e) invited the Directing Committee of the LEED Programme to support the implementation of the recommendation set out in sub-paragraph c) iv);
- f) invited the EVC to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of January 2012;

ii) Education Policy Committee (EDPC)

- g) noted document C(2010)149 and the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Chair of the Evaluation Committee;
- h) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Education Policy Committee (hereafter “EDPC”) was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance and effectiveness, and “medium” for efficiency;
- i) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the EDPC should:
 - i) realise fully its mandated function of co-ordinating OECD work on education policy, including that conducted under the responsibility of PISA, the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) and IMHE, and ensure that its next mandate includes clear policy objectives to orient its work and redefine its role vis-à-vis the Secretariat;
 - ii) provide feedback and direction from a policy perspective to its sub-bodies, including via the INES Advisory Group, and in the case of its groups of national experts and networks provide a clear mandate in order to reduce the time and cost of setting up projects, and supervise the implementation of their work to ensure products of an appropriate level of quality;
 - iii) better mobilise the forward-looking, research-focused role of CERI by strengthening cooperation mechanisms with it, including ensuring that CERI be informed of work carried out under the EDPC’s responsibility (within INES and TALIS) but funded by the Programme;
 - iv) ensure that its inputs into special chapters on education in OECD Economic Surveys allow this work to be appropriately informed from an education policy perspective;
 - v) reinforce its global relations strategy, including in the area of global forums, while taking into account current guidelines relating to deepening enhanced engagement, and make greater use of its relations with other international organisations in this context;

- vi) better channel the contributions of the institutional social partners into its work by modifying its approach to policy level consultations;
- j) invited the EDPC to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations i) i) to vi) above, and to present an action plan corresponding with them to the Evaluation Committee before the end of May 2011;
- k) invited the EDPC to work closely with the CERI Governing Board to implement recommendation i) ii);
- l) invited the EDPC to take into account the results of the In-depth Evaluation of PISA [C(2010)52 & C/M(2010)9] by strengthening links with, and supporting actions by, the PISA Governing Board to reinforce the Programme's impact through the increased use of its results by other substantive committees in a policymaking context;
- m) invited the EVC to take into account the evaluation conclusions underpinning recommendation i) iv) when conducting the In-depth Evaluation of the Economic and Development Review Committee;
- n) invited the EVC to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of 2011;

iii) Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI)

- o) noted document C(2010)148 and the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Chair of the Evaluation Committee;
- p) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter "EVC") assessment with regard to the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (hereafter "CERI") was "high" for the evaluation criteria of relevance and effectiveness, and "medium to high" for efficiency;
- q) approved the following recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Committee, namely that the CERI Governing Board should:
 - i) enhance the role of the Bureau, involve itself more in the Programme's work, and supervise more closely projects delegated to expert groups;
 - ii) ensure that its forward-looking, research-focused work is made available to the Education Policy Committee by strengthening cooperation mechanisms, as well as reinforcing its oversight role with regard to the work it funds on indicators and statistics;
 - iii) ensure that it is more directly involved in the Programme's horizontal activities;
 - iv) open up more of the Programme's work to the participation of non-Members, while taking into account current guidelines relating to deepening enhanced engagement, and better exploit its relations with other organisations at international, regional and national level;

- v) ensure that the policy aspects of the results of its more research-oriented projects are more readily accessible and available for policy makers;
- r) invited the CERI Governing Board to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations q) i) to v) above and to present an action plan corresponding with them to the EVC before the end of May 2011;
- s) invited the CERI Governing Board to work closely with the Education Policy Committee to implement recommendation q) ii);
- t) invited the CERI Governing Board to take into account in its future work the results of the assessment of the Programme from a research perspective, conducted by the panel of five experts in the framework of the In-depth Evaluation;
- u) invited the EVC to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of 2011.

**12. REVISION OF THE BUDGET OF THE PART II
PROGRAMME: SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON THE
CONTROL OF CHEMICALS (CHEM) FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEARS 2011 AND 2012**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)21;
 - b) noted the statement by the United States and the comments by the Secretary-General;
 - c) approved the revised appropriations and estimated income from participants' contributions for the 2011 Budget of the Organisation, Part II, Fund 38, - the Special Programme on the Control of Chemicals – as follows:
- Fund 38 the Special Programme on the Control of Chemicals EUR 1,841,340;
- d) approved the revised appropriations and estimated income from participants' contributions for the provisional 2012 Budget of the Organisation, Part II, Fund 38, - the Special Programme on the Control of Chemicals – as follows:

Fund 38 the Special Programme on the Control of Chemicals EUR 1,841,340.

ITEMS 13 - 21 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE ("A POINTS")

**13. REVISION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH HUNGARY ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OECD REGIONAL
CENTRE FOR COMPETITION**

THE COUNCIL

noted document C(2011)8.

**14. PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE
ADVISORY UNIT: ANNUAL REVIEW OF
ACTIVITIES**

THE COUNCIL

noted document C(2011)13.

**15. REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION
OF COUNCIL ON THE LICENSING OF GENETIC
INVENTIONS**

THE COUNCIL

noted document C(2011)11 and its CORR1.

**16. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE PUBLIC
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: MONITORING OF
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)4;
- b) noted that the response of the Public Governance Committee to the evaluation recommendations has been appropriate;
- c) invited the Chair of the Public Governance Committee, in the framework of her next dialogue with the Council, to report on any further progress made in implementing the recommendations.

**17. ARGENTINA: PARTICIPATION AS A FULL
PARTICIPANT IN THE OECD DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)5;
- b) agreed, in conformity with the provisions of Council Resolution C(2004)132/FINAL, to invite Argentina to become a full participant in the Development Centre.

**18. CAPE VERDE: PARTICIPATION AS A FULL
PARTICIPANT IN THE OECD DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)6;
- b) agreed, in conformity with the provisions of Council Resolution C(2004)132/FINAL, to invite Cape Verde to become a full participant in the Development Centre.

**19. BRAZIL: ADHERENCE TO THE COUNCIL ACTS
RELATED TO THE MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF
DATA IN THE ASSESSMENT OF CHEMICALS, AND
PARTICIPATION IN RELATED PARTS OF THE
OECD CHEMICALS PROGRAMME**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)1;
- b) authorised the Secretary-General to invite Brazil, in accordance with C(97)114/FINAL and in light of the successful fulfilment of the procedures set out in its Annex, to adhere to the Council Acts related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals [C(81)30/Final and C(89)87/Final] and to participate as a full member in that part of the OECD Chemicals Programme directly related thereto;
- c) noted that, as set out in paragraph 7 of C(2011)1, at present, only non-clinical health and environmental safety test data on pesticides (including biocides) and industrial chemicals generated in Brazil, have to be accepted in OECD countries and adhering non-Members.

**20. INDIA: ADHERENCE TO THE COUNCIL ACTS
RELATED TO THE MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF
DATA IN THE ASSESSMENT OF CHEMICALS, AND
PARTICIPATION IN RELATED PARTS OF THE
OECD CHEMICALS PROGRAMME**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)2;
- b) authorised the Secretary-General to invite India, in accordance with C(97)114/FINAL and in light of the successful fulfilment of the procedures set out in its Annex, to adhere to the Council Acts related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals [C(81)30/Final and C(89)87/Final] and to participate as a full member in that part of the OECD Chemicals Programme directly related thereto.

**21. SOUTH AFRICA: PARTICIPATION AS AN
OBSERVER IN THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON
AGRICULTURE AND TRADE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2011)15;
- b) agreed, in conformity with the provisions of Council Resolution C(2004)132/FINAL, to invite South Africa to participate as a regular Observer in the work of the Joint Working Party on Agriculture and Trade, until 31 December 2011 or until the termination of the Joint Working Party's mandate, whichever comes first.

22. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) Salary Adjustments and Amendments to the Employment Framework - Comments by the Staff Association

- a) noted the comments by the Staff Association on the 16 December Council decisions on the Salary adjustments and amendments to the Employment Framework, circulated to all staff on 21 December 2010 and set out in Room Document No. 3, and the remarks by the Secretary-General;

ii) Briefing Session on the Results of COP-16

- b) noted the remarks by Mexico informing the Members of the Council of a briefing session for Permanent Delegations and OECD Staff on Wednesday 9 February, from 10:00 to 11:30, by Mexico's Special Representative for Climate Change, Ambassador de Alba, and the Undersecretary for Economic Relations and International Cooperation, Ambassador Granguillhome, on the results of the COP-16;

iii) Observerships by G20 non-OECD Members

- c) noted the table prepared and circulated by Japan on the participation of non-OECD G20 Members in the work of the Organisation as Full Participants, Regular and Ad-hoc Observers (posted on the Council Extranet);

iv) Extension of the Term of Office of Deputy Secretaries-General of the Organisation

- d) noted Room Document No. 5 and the remarks by the Secretary-General;
- e) agreed to return to this issue for decision at its next session;

v) Next Meeting and Council Indicative Work Programme

- f) agreed to hold its next session on Friday, 25 February 2011;
- g) noted the indicative work programme set out in Room Document No. 4 and the remark by Japan.

DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 22 December 2010 [CES/PE(2010)14]:

23. PENSIONS SCHEME RULES: REVISION OF THE EARLY RETIREMENT COEFFICIENTS OF ARTICLE 8 – 206th REPORT OF THE CCR

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2010)175/REV1;
- b) adopted the amendments to Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Co-ordinated Pension Scheme Rules (Annex X to the Staff Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to officials of the Organisation) set forth in Appendix I to document C(2010)175/REV1;
- c) adopted the amendments to Article 8, paragraphs 4 and 5, of New Pension Scheme Rules (Annex X bis to the Staff Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to officials of the Organisation) set forth in Appendix II to document C(2010)175/REV1.

24. AMENDMENT TO THE NEW PENSION SCHEME RULES - ARTICLE 36 - ADJUSTMENT OF PENSIONS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document C(2010)180;
- b) adopted the amendment to Article 36 of the English version of the New Pension Scheme Rules (Annex X bis to the Staff Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to officials of the Organisation) set forth in the Appendix to document C(2010)180.

ANNEX

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría

Président/Chairman

M./Mr. Westerhoff

Allemagne/Germany

M./Mr. Langman

Australie/Australia

M./Mr. Wiblin

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M./Mr. Petritsch

Autriche/Austria

Mme/Ms. Fasching

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M./Mr. Hoornaert

Belgique/Belgium

M./Mr. Peetermans

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Mme/Ms. LaRocque

Canada

M./Mr. Usher

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M./Mr. Saez

Chili/Chile

M./Mr. Hur

Corée/Korea

M./Mr. Ohm

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M./Mr. Kristensen

Danemark/Denmark

Mme/Ms. Narbona

Espagne/Spain

M./Mr. Kokk

Estonie/Estonia

Mme/Ms. Kornbluh

Etats-Unis/United States

M./Mr. Monroe

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M./Mr. Kuosmanen

Finlande/Finland

M./Mr. Karoutchi

France

M./Mr. Tatsos

Grèce/Greece

Mme/Ms. Dertsou

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M./Mr. Simon

Hongrie/Hungary

M./Mr. Murray

Irlande/Ireland

M./Mr. O'Toole

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Mme/Ms. Einarsdottir

Islande/Iceland

M./Mr. Barkan

Israël/Israel

M./Mr. Morav

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M./Mr. Oliva

Italie/Italy

M./Mr. Trichilo

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M./Mr. Yoshikawa

Japon/Japan

M./Mr. Santer

Luxembourg

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M./Mr. Garcia-Lopez

Mexique/Mexico

Mme/Ms. Franco

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M./Mr. Neple

Norvège/Norway

Mme/Ms. Banks

Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand

M./Mr. van Geel

Pays-Bas/Netherlands

M./Mr. Cohen

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M./Mr. Wojciechowski

Pologne/Poland

M./Mr. Karsz

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M./Mr. Ferro Rodrigues

Portugal

Mme/Ms. Hricova

République slovaque/Slovak Republic

M./Mr. Dyba

République tchèque/Czech Republic

M./Mr. Dolejsi

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M./Mr. Martin

Royaume-Uni/United Kingdom

M./Mr. Thornton

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M./Mr. Flückiger	Suisse/Switzerland
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Mme/Ms. Liira	"
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