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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1268th SESSION**

**held at the Château de la Muette, Paris,  
on Monday, 10 December 2012.**

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**206. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat, including that, under the list of “a points” in Item 3, the Draft Resolution of the Council renewing and revising the mandate of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes is withdrawn from the agenda; noted also the comments by the Chair of the Executive Committee, the reply by the Chair and the Secretariat and the comment by Turkey;
- b) adopted the draft Agenda for its 1268<sup>th</sup> session [[C/A\(2012\)14/REV1](#)], as amended.

**207. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1267<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Record of its 1267<sup>th</sup> session [[C/M\(2012\)13](#)].

**208. 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 introductory remarks by the Secretary-General and the reports by the OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 and Deputy Secretary-General Padoan, including the request for support in favour of the participation of the OECD within the Deauville Partnership Transition Fund.

**209. 2011 CLOSING OF THE ACCOUNTS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted documents [C\(2012\)95/PART1&2](#), [PART1/ADD1](#), [PART1/ADD2](#), [PART2/ADD1](#), [C\(2012\)143](#), [C\(2012\)144](#) and [C\(2012\)131](#), and the introductory remarks by the External Auditor (*whose remarks were subsequently posted on the Council Extranet*) and by the Chairs of the Audit and Budget Committees;
- b) adopted the draft Decision concerning the Final Closing and Approval of the Accounts of the Organisation for the Financial Year 2011, as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2012\)131](#), and gave formal discharge to the Secretary-General from all liability in respect of his administration for the Financial Year 2011;

- c) adopted the draft Decision concerning the Approval of the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Staff Provident Fund of the Organisation for the Financial Year 2011, as set out in Annex II to document [C\(2012\)131](#), and gave formal discharge to the Secretary-General for his administration for the Financial Year 2011;
- d) noted the comment by Canada and the replies by the External Auditor and the Secretariat;
- e) noted the report by the Chair of the Audit Committee on issues examined at its 30 October meeting not directly related to the Closing of the Accounts [see also [C\(2012\)143](#)].

**210. PRESENTATION OF THE UK 2013 G8 PRESIDENCY PRIORITIES**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair, the presentation by the Director G8 of the UK Cabinet Office, Mr. Martin, and the op-ed by the UK Prime Minister, “Eyes of the world on UK again for G8 summit” of 21 November 2012, reproduced in Room Document No. 8;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by Mr. Martin and the Chair.

**211. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2013 MCM**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and Norway, in its capacity as Chair of the 2013 MCM (*the remarks by Ambassador Eriksen were subsequently posted on the Council Extranet*);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by Norway and the Chair;
- c) agreed to return to the preparations for the MCM 2013 at its next session.

**212. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the outcome of the budgetary discussions in the Budget Committee, the report by its Chair [[C\(2012\)172](#) and CORR1, see also PPT Presentation], the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee on the adjustment of remuneration, set out in Room Document No. 5, and the remarks by the Secretary-General [for reference, see also [C\(2012\)145](#) and its associated documents, addenda, corrigenda and revisions];

**i) Adjustment of Remuneration of staff for 2013**

- b) noted document [C\(2012\)163](#) and its CORR1, concerning the adjustment of remuneration and transmitting the Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration [219<sup>th</sup> Report, [CCR/R\(2012\)3](#)], which includes the Secretary-General's proposal on salary adjustment; noted also Room Document No. 6 [to be issued as [C\(2012\)163/CORR2](#)];
- c) noted the statement by the Netherlands (see Annex I), the comments by other Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretary-General;
- d) invited the Executive Committee to meet on 12 December to further discuss the adjustment of the Remuneration of staff for 2013, on the basis of Room Document No. 6, paragraphs g) to l), for Council to make a decision on this matter;

**ii) Programme of Work and Budget 2013-2014**

- e) noted document [C\(2012\)173](#) and Room Document No. 7 on efficiencies;
- f) noted the statement by Belgium (see Annex I); noted also the comments by Canada and the United States on the need to present the scoping paper to Council before using the CPF allocation for the NAEC project in the draft PWB, and the comments by other Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Secretary-General;
- g) noted that consultations will be pursued and that Council may return to this issue at an additional session.

**213. NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY: PROPOSAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE BUDGET**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)154](#), including the Report of the Chair of the NEA Steering Committee set out in Appendix A, the Statements thereon set out in Appendix B and the Report of the Chair of the Advisory Group for a Sustainable NEA Budget and Proposal for a New Methodology to Determine the Assessed Contributions of Members to the NEA Budget set out in Appendix C; noted also Room Document No. 10 setting out proposed modifications, as well as the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat;
- b) noted the statement by Luxembourg in support of the work of the NEA and the proposal by the Secretariat, the comments by other Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair and the Secretariat;
- c) noted that consultations will be pursued and that Council may return to this issue at an additional session.

**214. PENSION BUDGET AND RESERVE FUND (PBRF): REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)168](#) and the presentation by the Chair of the Management Board of the PBRF (PPT presentation);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Chair.

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**ITEMS 215-219 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A POINTS”)**

**215. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION**

THE COUNCIL

**i) Committee on Consumer Policy (CCP)**

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)132](#);
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Committee on Consumer Policy was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance and effectiveness, and “very high” for efficiency;
- c) approved the recommendation and good practices proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document [C\(2012\)132](#);
- d) invited the Committee on Consumer Policy to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of the recommendation and to take into account the results of the evaluation during the next review of its mandate and the related evaluation of the continuing relevance of its substructure;
- e) invited the Evaluation Committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendation and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of November 2013;

**ii) Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP)**

- f) noted document [C\(2012\)133](#);
- g) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance and effectiveness and “high to very high” for efficiency;
- h) approved the recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document [C\(2012\)133](#);

- i) invited the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of the recommendations and to take into account the results of this evaluation during the next review of its mandate and the related evaluation of the continuing relevance of its substructure;
- j) invited the Evaluation Committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and provide an update on the implementation of the identified potential good practice, and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of November 2013;

**iii) Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE)**

- k) noted document [C\(2012\)134](#);
- l) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) was “high to very high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, “medium” for effectiveness and “medium to high” for efficiency;
- m) approved the recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document [C\(2012\)134](#);
- n) invited the Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) to:
  - i) take the appropriate measures for the implementation of the recommendations and to take into account the results of the evaluation during the next review of its mandate and the related evaluation of the continuing relevance of its substructure;
  - ii) present an action plan corresponding with the recommendations to the Evaluation Committee before the end of May 2013;
- o) invited the Evaluation Committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and to submit a report on this matter to the Council before the end of November 2013.

**216. EUROPEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY TRIBUNAL - EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF ITS JUDGES AND AMENDMENT OF ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)161](#);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council Extending the Mandate of the Judges of the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal set out in Annex I to document [C\(2012\)161](#);

- c) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council Amending the Rules of Procedure of the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal set out in Annex IV to document [C\(2012\)161](#).

**217. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE GOVERNANCE OF CLINICAL TRIALS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)167](#);
- b) adopted the draft Recommendation of the Council on the Governance of Clinical Trials set out in the Appendix to document [C\(2012\)167](#) and agreed to its declassification;
- c) recalled that the participation of non-Members in OECD bodies is governed by the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/FINAL](#)].

**218. 2013 RUSSIAN FEDERATION PRE-ACCESSION BUDGET**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)171](#);
- b) authorised the appropriations for Pre-Accession as follows:  
Annex Budget – Pre-Accession  
2013 Russian Federation pre-accession costs EUR 4 200 000;
- c) agreed that the estimates of income for the Financial Year 2013 shall be adjusted accordingly.

**219. KAZAKHSTAN: PROPOSED ADHERENCE TO THE OECD DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND PARTICIPATION IN RELATED WORK OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (SWAC)**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)159](#);
- b) agreed to invite Kazakhstan, subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph 16, to adhere to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises [[C\(76\)99/FINAL](#)] as amended on 25 May 2011 and to participate in related work of the Investment Committee;
- c) invited the Investment Committee, when it develops its Participation Plan pursuant to the Council Resolution on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/FINAL](#)], to review the provisions for participation in its work

related to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises [[C\(2001\)106/REV1](#)] with a view to ensuring their compatibility with the Resolution and report its findings to Council, via the External Relations Committee.

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## 220. DESIGNATIONS

### THE COUNCIL

- a) noted documents [C\(2012\)130](#), [C\(2012\)164](#) and Room Document No. 1, as well as the introductory remarks by the Dean and the Chair [for reference, see [C\(2012\)153](#)];
- b) agreed to designate, for 2013, as Chair of the:
  - Executive Committee, Mr. Yoshikawa (Japan);
  - Budget Committee, Mr. Flückiger (Switzerland);
  - External Relations Committee, Ms. Andréani (France);
- c) agreed to designate for 2013 Mr. Wellenstein (Netherlands), Mr. Hur (Korea), Mr. Eriksen (Norway), Mr. Himeno (Japan), and Ms. Guthrie-Corn (United States), as members of the Audit Committee, while noting that the Chair of the Budget Committee, Mr. Flückiger, is also a member *ex officio*; also agreed to designate as expert, on the proposal of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Korea, Mr. Kim as a member as of 1 January 2013 and until 31 December 2015 [[C\(2012\)164](#)]; noted that the other members serving as experts are Mr. Jarrett (SAI of Australia) until 31 December 2013; Ms. Lajoumard (SAI of France) until 31 December 2014, and agreed to designate Mr. Wellenstein (Netherlands) as Chair of the Committee;
- d) agreed to designate for 2013 Mr. Kristensen (Denmark), Mr. Garcia-Lopez (Mexico), Ms. Banks (New Zealand), Mr. Kuosmanen (Finland), Ms. LaRocque (Canada) and Mr. Bridge (United Kingdom), as members of the Evaluation Committee; and to designate Mr. Kristensen as Chair of the Committee;
- e) recalled that the current members of the Pension Budget and Reserve Fund (PBRF) Management Board, are the Chair, Mr. Hur (Korea; term ending 31 December 2013), the Vice-Chair, Mr. Rant (Slovenia; term ending 24 February 2014), Mr. Hugonnier (term ending 12 December 2014), Mr. Blundell-Wignall (term ending 12 December 2014), Mr. Krekel (term ending 6 December 2015), as well as Mr. Flückiger who, in accordance with the PBRF Statute, shall continue to serve as a member in his capacity as Chair of the Budget Committee.



**221. ACCESSION TO THE OECD: LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM EXPERIENCE AND PROPOSALS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair [for reference, see document [GSG\(2012\)5/REV2](#)];
- b) noted the comments and questions by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair, including on the scheduling of discussions on Accession in the next months;
- c) agreed to return to this issue at its next session.

**222. OTHER BUSINESS**

THE COUNCIL

**i) NAEC Update**

- a) noted the remarks by the Secretary-General concerning the next steps of the NAEC Initiative, including the completion of the scoping paper in January and the next meeting of the NAEC Group on 11 February (for reference, see his message to all Ambassadors of 5 December 2012);

**ii) Work of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)**

- b) noted the presentation of the work of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), set out in Room Document No. 4, and a report on the work of ELSTAT (August 2010 - August 2012), as well as the remarks by Greece;

**iii) Report on Missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General**

- c) noted the remark by Canada and the reply by the Secretary-General (see report on the Missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General since 14 November subsequently posted on the Extranet as Room Document No. 11);

**iv) Next Sessions and Council Indicative Work Programme**

- d) noted the indicative work programme set out in Room Document No. 3 and agreed\* to hold its next session on Monday, 14 January 2013, noting that, as indicated under Items 212 and 213, an additional session may be held in the coming days.

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\* Council reconvened on 13 December to return to Items 212 and 213 for decision.

**DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 30 November 2012 [[C\(2012\)124](#)]:

**223. TRANSFER TO THE 'IEA - NET RESULT ON PUBLICATIONS RESERVE' OF THE BALANCE AVAILABLE IN THE 'NET PUBLICATIONS REVENUE RESULT AND ELECTRONIC DATA SALES' RESERVE AND OF THE 2011 NET PUBLICATION REVENUE RESULT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)124](#);
- b) approved the transfer of the balance available in the Reserve 'Net Publications Revenue Result and Electronic Data Sales' of EUR 1 096 548 to the 'IEA - Net Result on Publications Reserve', time bound to 31 December 2012 and the subsequent closure of the reserve 'Net Publications Revenue Result and Electronic Data Sales';
- c) approved the transfer of the 2011 Net Result on Publication Revenue of the IEA Budget amounting to EUR 273 857.38 to the IEA 'Net Result on Publications Reserve', time bound to 31 December 2012.

and on 7 December 2012 [[C\(2012\)153](#)]:

**224. APPOINTMENT TO PENSION BUDGET AND RESERVE FUND MANAGEMENT BOARD**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)153](#) and its ADD1;
- b) approved the renewal of Mr. Krekel as a member of the PBRF Management Board for a term of three years.

## ANNEX I

### PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM

#### ADJUSTMENT OF REMUNERATION OF STAFF FOR 2013

##### Statement by the Netherlands

“The Netherlands cannot support any positive salary adjustment proposal, presented today for OECD staff and for staff of Part II bodies as from 1 January 2013.

Against the background of the very difficult budgetary situation faced by a large number of OECD countries, and of the overall difficult financial situation, it is the firm view of the Netherlands that the staff of all international organizations, including OECD, should be subject to a salary freeze as from January 1, 2013. This position reflects also the actual situation in many if not most countries represented here in Council, where salary freezes are common, and where in some cases even (considerable) salary cuts have been applied. We should realize, that all international organizations are established and mandated by their member states. An increasing 'ecart' between the salaries of national civil servants and of the staff of international organizations will raise increasingly doubts and criticism from politicians and from civil society.

The OECD affordability clause should be fundamentally reviewed, and adapted in 2013, in order to make it a credible and effective tool in times of severe budgetary constraints.

I request that this statement be fully reflect in the minutes of this Council.”

### PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2013-2014

##### Statement by Belgium

“Mr. Secretary-General,

I have already had occasion several times to set out the general position of my authorities who, in the difficult budgetary climate we are experiencing, are arguing for zero nominal growth in the budgets of all international organisations.

In this respect I welcome the fact that the Chair of the Budget Committee, in his report to Council, has explicitly recognised that: *“At a time when overall public budgets are cut in many Members’ capitals, the OECD’s Zero Real Growth (ZRG) path to 2018 for the Part I Budget is seen by most capitals as very difficult to defend. In the political reality in capitals the OECD budget is viewed in a context with other budget items, many of which are domestically much more sensitive and urgent.”*

We trust that the OECD will take account of these considerations, in particular by redoubling efforts to achieve additional efficiency gains. Together with eleven other delegations, Belgium has presented a proposal to this effect which it considers to be a minimum starting point for the discussions that will take place next year. To our mind, these efficiency gains must be used both to cover future commitments, where necessary, and to generate surpluses in order to reduce Member countries’ contributions.

Furthermore, and regardless of the reasons behind it, the constant increase over the past few years in the Organisation's staff numbers raises a number of issues that merit our attention: this increase may impact the Organisation's long-term commitments and, in the short term, incurs additional expenditure, notably in terms of office space requirements. It is therefore important that we address this issue and that we approach it by emphasising the relevance of our work to users. This calls for precise identification of activities which offer significant value added, and which, moreover, also create as much synergy as possible with the work of other multilateral organisations.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that the unexpended balance from the Site Project budget automatically reverts to Member countries in accordance with the conclusions adopted by Council at its meeting on 29 October 2003.

My authorities have asked me to advise you of these considerations, which they consider to be important. At the same time they wish to reaffirm the high regard they have for the OECD's work, whose quality is widely recognised. For this reason, Belgium is able to join a consensus on the Programme of Work and Budget that has been submitted to us."

## ANNEX II

## PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría	Président/Chairman
M./Mr. Heimsoeth	Allemagne/Germany
M./Mr. Wallenwein	"
M./Mr. Barrett	Australie/Australia
M./Mr. Petritsch	Autriche/Austria
Mme/Ms. Wilder	"
M./Mr. Haesendonck	Belgique/Belgium
Mme/Ms. LaRocque	Canada
M./Mr. Saez	Chili/Chile
M./Mr. Hur	Corée/Korea
M./Mr. Kristensen	Danemark/Denmark
M./Mr. Díez-Hochleitner	Espagne/Spain
Mme/Ms. Latorre Sancho	"
M./Mr. Kokk	Estonie/Estonia
Mme/Ms. Guthrie-Corn	Etats-Unis/United States
M./Mr. Koplovsky	"
Mme/Ms. Manz	"
M./Mr. Kuosmanen	Finlande/Finland
M./Mr. Vaaranmaa	"
Mme/Ms. Andréani	France
M./Mr. Villemain	"
Mme/Ms. Birmpili	Grèce/Greece
M./Mr. Zaralis	"
M./Mr. Mikola	Hongrie/Hungary
Mme/Ms. Jánoszy	"
M./Mr. Forbes	Irlande/Ireland
Mme/Ms. Ásgeirsdóttir	Islande/Iceland
Mme/Ms. Jonsdóttir	"
M./Mr. Barkan	Israël/Israel
M./Mr. Sosnitsky	"
M./Mr. Morav	"
M./Mr. Oliva	Italie/Italy
M./Mr. Yoshikawa	Japon/Japan
M./Mr. Himeno	"
M./Mr. Okazaki	"
M./Mr. Dühr	Luxembourg
M./Mr. Garcia-Lopez	Mexique/Mexico
Mme/Ms. Franco	"
M./Mr. Lozoya	"
M./Mr. Eriksen	Norvège/Norway
Mme/Ms. Banks	Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand
M./Mr. Wellenstein	Pays-Bas/Netherlands
M./Mr. Wojciechowski	Pologne/Poland
M./Mr. Zadruzynski	"
Mme/Ms. Alvarenga	Portugal

Mme/Ms. Brocková	République slovaque/Slovak Republic
M./Mr. Rozsypal	République tchèque/Czech Republic
M./Mr. Dolejsi	"
M./Mr. Bridge	Royaume Uni/United Kingdom
M./Mr. Wood	"
M./Mr. Rant	Slovénie/Slovenia
M./Mr. Ahnlid	Suède/Sweden
Mme/Ms. Swärd-Capra	"
M./Mr. Flückiger	Suisse/Switzerland
M./Mr. Tezcan	Turquie/Turkey
M./Mr. Karadeniz	"
Mme/Ms. Spatolisano	Union européenne/European Union
Mme/Ms. Liira	"
M./Mr. Migaud (Point/Item 209)	Premier Président de la Cour des Comptes de la France, Auditeur externe/ <i>Premier Président</i> of the French <i>Cour des Comptes</i> , External Auditor
M./Mr. Martin (Point/Item 210)	Directeur G8 du Cabinet du Royaume-Uni / Director G8 of the UK Cabinet Office
M./Mr. Padoan	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Tamaki	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Leterme	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Rottier	Directeur exécutif/Executive Director
M./Mr. Echavarri	Directeur général de l'AEN/General Director of the NEA
M./Mr. van Haute	Directeur/Director, SGE/CES
Mme/Ms. Ramos	Directrice de Cabinet & Sherpa de l'OCDE pour le G20 / OECD Chief of Staff & G20 Sherpa
M./Mr. Bonucci	Directeur/Director, SGE/LEG
M./Mr. Pannier	Directeur/Director, SGE/EVIA
M./Mr. Pagani	Chef, bureau du Sherpa /Head of Sherpa Office, SGE/SHPA
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