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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1258th SESSION

**held at the Château de la Muette, Paris,
on Monday, 16 April 2012.**

The session of the Council was followed by a meeting of the Members of the Council with Brazil, India, Indonesia, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

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56. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair, including that:
 - under Item 3, “a points”, sub-item ix) [revised mandate of the Chemicals Committee] is withdrawn, following the Executive Committee meeting on 11 April;
 - the Items on the MCM and the IDE report are switched, and that, within the MCM item the sub-items on the Work with Key Partners and the Accession of the Russian Federation will be considered after the Strategic Orientations;
 - under Item 5, MCM, a CORR1 to the short version of the Development Strategy [[C\(2012\)47/REV1](#)] has been issued following the Executive Committee discussions of 11 April;
- b) adopted the draft Agenda for its 1258th session [[C/A\(2012\)4](#)], as amended.

57. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1257th SESSION

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Record of its 1257th session [[C/M\(2012\)3](#)].

ITEMS 58 - 66 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A POINTS”)

58. REVISION OF THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE PART II PROGRAMME: DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)17](#);
- b) approved the revised estimated income for the 2012 Budget of the Organisation, Part II, Fund 31 – Development Centre, as follows:

Fund 31 – Development Centre	
Participating Country Contributions	EUR 5 870 246;
Sale of publications	EUR 100 000;
- c) approved the revised appropriations for the 2012 Budget of the Organisation: Part II Fund 31 – Development Centre, as follows:

Fund 31 – Development Centre	EUR 5 970 246.
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59. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (EPC)

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)30](#);
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter the “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Economic Policy Committee (hereafter the “EPC”) was “high to very high” for the evaluation criterion of relevance, “medium to high” for efficiency and “high” for effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the EPC should:
 - i) clarify its mandate, including within it an explicit set of policy objectives, while taking into account the comparative advantage of the OECD as well as changes that have taken place in the international institutional environment;
 - ii) establish a functioning bureau and examine how the Committee’s overall structure could be optimised, particularly in terms of how it can best complement the activities of its sub-bodies and how its governance arrangements, including links to the latter, could be enhanced;
 - iii) further refocus its agenda towards cross-cutting issues of high policy interest and develop a meeting format that optimises the possibilities for open and frank discussions among delegates;
 - iv) explore how Members as a whole can benefit from Working Party N°3’s activities, while preserving its operating conditions;
 - v) revise its arrangements for consulting with the institutional social partners, including improving feedback on the usefulness of their contributions and how they are taken into account;
 - vi) actively promote the impact of its work, particularly in the area of multilateral reviews of economic policies;
- d) invited the EPC to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in subparagraph c) items i) to vi) above, and to present an action plan corresponding with them to the EVC before the end of October 2012;
- e) 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 April 2013.

60. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (EDRC)

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)31](#);
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Economic and Development Review Committee (hereafter “EDRC”) was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, efficiency and effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the EDRC should:
 - i) improve the design of Survey recommendations, particularly with respect to their focus, in order to reinforce their implementability and policy impact, and ensure they are more explicitly prioritised and their follow up over time strengthened;
 - ii) ensure that the consequences of financial market developments for the real economy and vice versa are adequately examined in Surveys;
 - iii) document more clearly in its Agreed Principles and Practices the process by which structural topics for Economic Surveys are decided and ensure that it is regularly informed about which structural topics are being taken up in forthcoming reviews, as well as the criteria used to select them;
 - iv) reinforce its capacity to have structured, in-depth discussions on structural topics through a greater participation in meetings of delegates with relevant expertise, including, where practical, by the use of electronic means to encourage contributions to be made directly from capitals;
 - v) seek to increase the level of involvement of the World Trade Organization, the Bank for International Settlements and the World Bank in its work, via their status as observers;
- d) invited the EDRC to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in sub-paragraph c), items i) to v) above;
- e) noted that the successful implementation of recommendation c) iv) also depended on Members appointing delegates with the relevant expertise to the EDRC;
- 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 March 2013.

61. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS (CFA)

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)25](#) and its CORR1 (English only);

- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (hereafter “CFA”) was “high to very high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance,, “high” for efficiency and “very high” for effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the CFA should:
 - i) develop its capacity to provide clear mid to long-term policy directions to help orient the work of the Committee as a whole;
 - ii) examine how to reduce any unnecessary duplication between the tax administration and tax policy dimensions of its work programme, including through a possible CFA-FTA annual joint-session;
 - iii) review how the Committee’s relations and activities with non-Members currently implemented under the responsibility of the Board for Co-operation with non-OECD Economies, are directed with a view to providing them with more strategic steering and broadening the involvement of delegates in decision making in this area;
 - iv) strengthen its relations with other international organisations in order to avoid overlaps and duplication, in particular in the area of relations with non-Members;
 - v) provide the opportunity for the institutional social partners and other stakeholders to make contributions at all levels of the Committee, including in policymaking discussions;
- d) invited the CFA to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in sub-paragraph c), items i) to v) above;
- e) 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 March 2013.

62. STAFF PROFILE STATISTICS 2011

THE COUNCIL

noted document [C\(2012\)34](#).

63. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS FOR REBUILDING FISHERIES

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted documents [C\(2012\)46](#) and [C\(2012\)46/ADD1](#);

- b) adopted the draft Recommendation of the Council on Principles and Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of Plans for Rebuilding Fisheries set out in the Annex to document [C\(2012\)46](#) and agreed to its declassification;
- c) agreed to the declassification of the study on the Economics of Rebuilding Fisheries set out in document [C\(2012\)46/ADD1](#).

**64. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE (EPOC)**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)14](#);
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter the “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Environment Policy Committee (hereafter “EPOC”) was “high” for the evaluation criterion of relevance, “medium” for efficiency and “high to very high” for effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that EPOC should:
 - i) consult with key users on how the quality of its products could be reinforced and undertake the necessary steps to ensure that, where necessary, improvements are made;
 - ii) revise the process by which it develops its work programme to make it simpler and more understandable for delegates, and seek to eliminate lower priority work in order to contribute to enhancing product quality;
 - iii) assess, by the end of 2014, how well its new structure is enabling it to reinforce its policy role and sharpen the oversight of work being conducted within its substructure, and monitor the results of changes to the way in which Environment Performance Reviews are carried out and presented;
 - iv) given the scale of global environmental challenges, reinforce its strategy for engaging with non-Members, including actively involving emerging economies in the work of the Committee;
 - v) ensure that the extent to which inputs from NGOs via the European Environment Bureau are geographically balanced is known and, in the event of there being regular and significant imbalances, take steps to encourage a broader range of contributions;
- d) invited EPOC to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in subparagraph c) items i) to v) above, and to present an action plan corresponding with them to the EVC before the end of October 2012;

- e) 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 April 2013.

65. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE CHEMICALS COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)4](#);
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee (hereafter “EVC”) assessment with regard to the Chemicals Committee was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, “medium to high” for efficiency and “very high” for effectiveness;
- c) approved the following recommendations proposed by the EVC, namely that the Chemicals Committee should:
 - i) when it next submits its mandate to Council for renewal, ensure that it is up-to-date and contains a set of explicit policy objectives;
 - ii) revise how it oversees the work conducted within its substructure in order to be more focused on the implementation of potentially difficult projects, particularly in terms of policy risks, as well as to ensure that projects of diminished interest are closed down or merged with others as appropriate;
 - iii) enhance the linkages between its work on environment health and safety and sustainable development and green growth issues, including through collaboration with other relevant OECD bodies;
 - iv) encourage a more balanced participation of stakeholders in its work, through the promotion of greater consultation and involvement of civil society, while non-government experts in Member delegations should be clearly identified;
- d) invited the Chemicals Committee to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of recommendations set out in sub-paragraph c), items i) to iv) above, and to present an action plan corresponding with them to the Evaluation Committee before the end of July 2012;
- e) 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 February 2013.

66. TUNISIA: PROPOSED ADHERENCE TO THE OECD DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND PARTICIPATION IN RELATED WORK OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)79](#);

- b) agreed to invite Tunisia:
 - i) to adhere, with the same rights and responsibilities thereunder as OECD Member countries and other adherents, to:
 - the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises [C(76)99(Final) as last amended on 25 May 2011 [[C/MIN\(2011\)11/FINAL](#)];
 - the related Recommendations of the Council C(86)55(Final), C(87)76(Final), C(88)31(Final) and C(89)76(Final); and
 - the related procedural Decisions of the Council C(84)92, [C\(91\)73](#) and [C\(91\)147/FINAL](#), as amended and [C/MIN\(2011\)11/FINAL](#) subject to the notification of exceptions to the National Treatment instrument no more extensive than those set in Annex I to [C\(2012\)79](#);
 - ii) to participate in the work related to the Declaration in accordance with the conditions laid out in paragraph 9 and 10 of [C\(2001\)106/REV1](#); and to report on the progress made in addressing the recommendations made in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document [C\(2012\)79](#) one year after adherence;
- c) adopted the draft Decision set out in Annex I to [C\(2012\)79](#), amending Annex A to the Third Revised Decision of the Council on National Treatment, with effect from the date of Tunisia's adherence to the OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and related Decisions and Recommendations.

67. 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 and the replies by the Secretary-General;

ii) Contributions of the Organisation to the G20

- c) noted the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General and the report by the OECD Chief of Staff & G20 Sherpa (see also Discussion Note 1 on Strengthening the Multilateral Trading System and Discussion Note 2 on Trade, Growth and Jobs for the Meeting of G20 Ministers of Trade of 19-20 April 2012, distributed in session);

- d) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the OECD Chief of Staff & G20 Sherpa and the Secretary-General.

68. FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)20](#) and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee (PPT presentation, posted on the Council Extranet);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Chair.

69. PREPARATION OF THE 2012 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THE COUNCIL

i) Draft Annotated Agenda

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)60](#), Room Documents No. 1 on MCM Documentation, No. 2 on MCM participation, No. 3 on the Forum programme, No. 4 setting out draft elements of 2012 MCM Ministerial Statement, No. 7 on the BIAC and TUAC MCM Consultations held in Ankara on 5 April and No. 8 setting out the Report by the Chair of the Executive Committee on its discussions of 27 March and 11 April, as well as the introductory remarks by the Chair, Turkey in its capacity as MCM Chair, Deputy Secretary-General Leterme, and the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- b) agreed to return to the draft Annotated Agenda set out in [C\(2012\)60](#) at its next session, in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon;

ii) Draft Strategic Orientations by the Secretary-General

- c) noted document [C\(2012\)57](#) and the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General, as well as the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretary-General;
- d) agreed to return to the draft Strategic Orientations at its next session, in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon;

iii) Report on Work with Key Partners

- e) noted document [C\(2012\)58/REV1](#), the report by the Chair of the ERC, as well as the comments by Members of the Council;
- f) noted that document [C\(2012\)58/REV1](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received and transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General;

iv) Accession of the Russian Federation: Progress Report

- g) noted document [C\(2012\)38/REV1](#) and Room Document No. 5, the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- h) noted that document [C\(2012\)38/REV1](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received and transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General;

v) Draft Discussion Notes

- i) noted document [C\(2012\)55/REV1](#) and the introductory remarks by the Chair, the reports by the Chairs of the Executive Committee and the ERC, as well as the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- j) noted that the draft Discussion Notes [[C\(2012\)55/REV1](#)] will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General and declassified;

vi) New Approaches to Economic Challenges – A Framework Paper

- k) noted document [C\(2012\)56/REV1](#) and the introductory remarks by the Chair, as well as the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- l) noted that document [C\(2012\)56/REV1](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General and declassified;

vii) Development Strategy

- m) noted documents [C\(2012\)47/REV1](#) & CORR1 and [C\(2012\)61](#), the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- n) noted that document [C\(2012\)47/REV1](#) & CORR1 will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General and declassified;
- o) agreed to return to document [C\(2012\)61](#) at its next session, in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon;

viii) Towards a More Open Trading System and Jobs Rich Growth

- p) noted document [C\(2012\)54](#) and the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the comments by Members of the Council;

- q) noted that document [C\(2012\)54](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received including the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General, and declassified;

ix) New Sources of Growth: Knowledge-Based Capital – Interim Project Findings

- r) noted document [C\(2012\)59](#), the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the comments by Members of the Council;
- s) noted that document [C\(2012\)59](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General and declassified;

x) Gender Equality in Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship – Final Report

- t) noted document [C\(2012\)71](#) & its ANN, the report by the Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the comments by Members of the Council;
- u) noted that document [C\(2012\)71](#) & its ANN will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General and declassified;

xi) Update on the Implementation of the Declaration on Propriety, Integrity and Transparency in the Conduct of International Business and Finance

- v) noted document [C\(2012\)62](#) and the comments by Members of the Council;
- w) noted that document [C\(2012\)62](#) will be finalised in the light of the comments received, including in the meeting of the Members of the Council taking place on the same afternoon, and transmitted to Ministers under the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

70. BRIEFING ON THE CLEANGOVBIZ INITIATIVE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the briefing on the Clean.Gov.Biz initiative by Deputy Secretary-General Boucher (see PPT presentation, leaflet on the Initiative and a draft Toolkit for Integrity, distributed in session);
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair and Deputy Secretary-General Boucher.

71. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (see PPT presentation posted on the Council Extranet);
- b) noted the comments and questions from the lead participants, the Permanent Representatives of Korea and Canada, and from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy.

72. NEXT SESSION AND COUNCIL INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME

THE COUNCIL

- a) agreed to hold its next session on Friday, 4 May 2012;
- b) noted the indicative work programme set out in Room Document No. 6.

DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 10 April 2012 [[CES/PE\(2012\)3](#)]:

73. CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION: APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)45](#) and its ADD1;
- b) adopted the draft Resolution appointing national experts to the Governing Board of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation set out in the Annex to document [C\(2012\)45](#).

74. DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION AMENDING THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE OECD SCHEME FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF FOREST REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL MOVING IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE [[C\(2007\)69](#)]

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2012\)51](#);
- b) adopted the draft Decision amending the Decision of the Council Establishing the OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving in International Trade as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2012\)51](#).

ANNEX

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría	Président/Chairman
M./Mr. Leterme	"
M./Mr. Wallenwein	Allemagne/Germany
M./Mr. Barrett	Australie/Australia
Mme Frederiksen	"
Mme/Ms. Fasching	Autriche/Austria
M./Mr. Haesendonck	Belgique/Belgium
Mme/Ms. LaRocque	Canada
M./Mr. Saez	Chili/Chile
M./Mr. Hur	Corée/Korea
M./Mr. Díez-Hochleitner	Espagne/Spain
M./Mr. Montalban	"
M./Mr. Kokk	Estonie/Estonia
Mme/Ms. Guthrie-Corn	Etats-Unis/United States
M./Mr. Kuosmanen	Finlande/Finland
Mme/Ms. Andréani	France
Mme/Ms. Birmpili	Grèce/Greece
M./Mr. Mikola	Hongrie/Hungary
M./Mr. Várkonyi	"
M./Mr. Forbes	Irlande/Ireland
Mme/Ms. Ásgeirsdóttir	Islande/Iceland
M./Mr. Barkan	Israël/Israel
Mme/Ms. Meir	"
Mme/Ms. Gabriel	"
M./Mr. Oliva	Italie/Italy
M./Mr. Yoshikawa	Japon/Japan
M./Mr. Ariyoshi	"
M./Mr. Hübsch	Luxembourg
M./Mr. Garcia-López	Mexique/Mexico
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. Caldeirinha	Royaume-Uni
Mme/Ms. Brocková	République slovaque/Slovak Republic
M./Mr. Dolejsi	République tchèque/Czech Republic
M./Mr. Janousek	"
M./Mr. Bridge	Royaume-Uni/United Kingdom
M./Mr. Wood	"
M./Mr. Rant	Slovénie/Slovenia
M./Mr. Ahnlid	Suède/Sweden
M./Mr. Flückiger	Suisse/Switzerland
M./Mr. Tezcan	Turquie/Turkey
Mme/Ms. Spatolisano	Union européenne/European Union
Mme/Ms. Liira	"

M./Mr. Kristensen (Point/Item 68)	Président du Comité d'évaluation/Chair of the Evaluation Committee
M./Mr. Andersen (Point/Item 71)	Président du Comité de la politique de l'information, de l'informatique et des communications (PIIC) / Chair of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP)
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M./Mr. Wyckoff	Directeur/Director, STI
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M./Mr. Pezzini	Directeur/Director, DEV
M./Mr. Pannier	Directeur/Director, SGE/EVIA
M./Mr. Bonturi	Directeur <i>ad interim</i> /Acting Director, SGE/CGRS
M./Mr. Williams	Chef de l'évaluation en profondeur/Head of In-depth Evaluation, SGE/EVIA
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