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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1285th SESSION

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148. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the introductory and welcoming remarks by the Chair, including that:
   i) Deputy Secretary-General Danvers took up his duties on 3 September [for reference: C(2013)101/FINAL];
   ii) an ADD2 had been issued to the Summary Record of its 1281st session (MCM) and a CORR1 to that of its 1284th session (11 July 2013);
   iii) a REV1 to the Accession Roadmap for Colombia set out in document C(2013)110 has been issued following the briefing held on 13 September and comments received until 16 September;
   iv) his letter to all Ambassadors dated 18 September is proposed to serve as a basis for the review of the Item on the Affordability Clause;

b) adopted the draft Agenda for its 1284th session [C/A(2013)16], as amended.

149. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 1281st AND 1284th SESSIONS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the Summary Records of its 1281st and 1284th sessions set out in C/M(2013)12 & ADD1&2 and C/M(2013)15 & CORR1, respectively;

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council pertaining to Item 140 of C/M(2013)15 and the replies by the Chair and the Secretariat;

c) approved the Summary Record of its 1281st session [C/M(2013)12 & ADD1&2] and agreed to return to the issue of the Summary Record of its 1284th session [C/M(2013)15] at its next session, in the light of bilateral consultations.

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ITEMS 150-154 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A POINTS”)

150. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE; THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE; THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MARKETS; THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE; THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY; THE TRADE COMMITTEE AND THE INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)85;
b) agreed to extend the mandates of:

i) the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy, as set out in Annex I to document C(2013)85, until 31 March 2014;

ii) the Competition Committee, the Committee on Financial Markets and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, as set out in Annexes II, III and IV to document C(2013)85, respectively, until 31 December 2014;

iii) the Committee for Agriculture, the Fisheries Committee and the Trade Committee, as set out in Annexes V, VI and VII to document C(2013)85, respectively, until 31 July 2015.


THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)111;


152. UPDATE ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2013 MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (TDPC) AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)108;

b) noted the Provisional Agenda for the 5-6 December 2013 TDPC Ministerial Meeting as set out in the Annex to C(2013)108;

c) agreed to invite Ministers from Algeria, Costa Rica, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Mauritania, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates to participate in the Ministerial meeting;

d) agreed to invite the Committee of the Regions, United Cities and Local Governments, the Union for the Mediterranean and UN Habitat to participate as observers in the Ministerial meeting;

e) agreed to invite representatives of BIAC and TUAC to attend the Ministerial meeting as experts;
f) agreed to return at a future session to the preparations for the TDPC Ministerial meeting, including the designation of the Vice-Chairs, following consultation with the TDPC.

153. COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION PLANS

- Committee on Statistics
- Education Policy Committee
- Health Committee
- Steel Committee
- Council Working Party on Shipbuilding

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)105;

b) approved the Participation Plans of the Committee on Statistics, the Education Policy Committee, the Health Committee, the Steel Committee and the Council Working Party on Shipbuilding, as set out in the Annex to document C(2013)105;

c) agreed to declassify the Participation Plans mentioned under b) in the format set out in paragraph 2 of C(2013)105.

154. LATVIA: PARTICIPATION AS AN ASSOCIATE IN THE OECD WORKING GROUP ON BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND ACCESSION TO THE ANTI-BRIBERY CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)109;

b) agreed to invite Latvia to:

i) become an Associate, on the same basis as Member countries, in the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions;

ii) contribute financially to such activities in conformity with the terms and conditions set out by the Council;

iii) adhere, with the same rights and obligations as OECD Member countries, to the Recommendation of the Council on Further Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions [C(2009)159/REV1/FINAL], the Recommendation of the Council on Tax Measures for Further Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions [C(2009)64], the Recommendation of the Council on Bribery and Officially Supported Export Credits [C(2006)163] and any subsequent amendment or revision thereto or any new Recommendation replacing one of the above Recommendations;
c) requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to carry out the above invitation on the basis of the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 14 of document C(2013)109.

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155. 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

a) noted the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General and the report by OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos (see also the 5-6 September St. Petersburg G20 Leaders’ Declaration as well as the Tax Annex reproduced in Room Document No. 2 and the September 2013 G20 Status Report set out in Room Document No. 3).

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

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentations by the Secretariat (PPT presentations) and the synthesis document set out in Room Document No. 1;

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair and the Secretariat;

c) paid tribute to Mr. Elmeskov for the manner in which he has carried out his duties in ECO, including as Deputy Chief Economist, and offered him its best wishes for the future.

157. REVIEW OF THE AFFORDABILITY MECHANISM: DRAFT NEW AFFORDABILITY CLAUSE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General on his letter to Ambassadors of 18 September;

b) noted the comments and questions by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretary-General;
c) agreed to return to this issue, for decision, at its next session.

158. ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF TURKEY, MR. ERDEM BAŞÇI

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the welcoming remarks by the Secretary-General;

b) noted the address by the Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey, Mr. Erdem Başçi (PPT presentation);

c) noted the intervention by the Dean, the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by Mr. Başçi.

159. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON TRANSPARENCY AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR TAX PURPOSES

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes (PPT presentation; see also related Report to the G20, as well as an information note on the Global Forum);

b) noted the comments and questions from the lead participants, the Permanent Representatives of Switzerland and Portugal, and from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes and the Secretariat.

160. FOLLOW-UP TO THE 2013 OECD WEEK

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)99 and Room Document No. 5, as well as the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General, Norway, in its capacity as Chair of the 2013 MCM (these remarks were subsequently posted on the Council Extranet) and the Secretariat [for reference, see also Chair’s Summary C/MIN(2013)17 and Council Ministerial Statement C/MIN(2013)16/FINAL, as well as Room Documents Nos. 7 and 13 of 11 July];

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair.

161. WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE: MANDATE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted Room Document No. 6 and the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Chair of the WGG [for reference, see C(2013)116 and Item 167 below];
b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair of the WGG and the Chair;

c) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council on the Working Group on Governance set out in Room Document No. 6 [see C(2013)125].

162. DRAFT ROADMAP FOR THE ACCESSION OF COLOMBIA TO THE OECD CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)110/REV1 and the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair;

c) agreed, in the light of the discussion, to amend the first sentence of paragraph 6 of the Annex to document C(2013)110/REV1 to read “The Council may raise questions on these values in the course of the accession process, in particular in light of discussions in the substantive committees” [see C(2013)110/REV2];

d) adopted the Roadmap for the Accession of Colombia to the OECD Convention as set out in the Annex to document C(2013)110/REV2 and agreed to its declassification after official transmission to Colombia [see C(2013)110/FINAL];

e) invited the Secretary-General to launch accession discussions with Colombia on the basis of the Annex to document C(2013)110/REV2;

f) authorised appropriations for pre-accession in respect of Colombia as set out in paragraph 35 of the Annex to document C(2013)110/REV2 and agreed that the estimates of income for the Financial Years 2013 to 2015 shall be adjusted accordingly;

g) instructed all the bodies covered by the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [C(2012)100/FINAL], in which Colombia does not already participate as Associate or Participant, to swiftly extend to Colombia invitations to participate in their meetings on the basis of its status as an accession candidate country in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 4 of document C(2013)110/REV2, and to update their participation plans accordingly.
163. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE SAFETY TESTING AND ASSESSMENT OF MANUFACTURED NANOMATERIALS AND PRESENTATION OF RECENT WORK OF THE CHEMICALS COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)107 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat, including a presentation of the recent work of the Chemicals Committee (see also “The Environment, Health and Safety Programme 2013-16” as well as the leaflet “Six Years of OECD Work on the Safety of Manufactured Nanomaterials: Achievements and Future Opportunities” distributed in session);

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Chair, indicating that a further presentation of the work of the Chemicals Committee could take place in Spring;

c) adopted the draft Recommendation of the Council on the Safety Testing and Assessment of Manufactured Nanomaterials set out in the Appendix to document C(2013)107 and agreed to its declassification;

d) 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].

164. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) 21-22 November Ambassadors’ Seminar

a) noted the remarks by the Dean concerning the Seminar of Ambassadors to be held in Brugge on 21-22 November, including that Ambassadors are invited to transmit suggestions for possible topics by 10 October (these remarks were subsequently transmitted to all Ambassadors and posted on the Council Extranet);

b) noted the comments by Italy, the Chair and the Secretariat, indicating that a questionnaire on logistics would be sent to Ambassadors within the next days;

c) agreed to come back to this issue at its next session;

ii) New-Zealand’s 120th Anniversary of Women’s suffrage – OECD Work on Gender Equality

d) noted the remarks by New Zealand on the 120th anniversary of women’s suffrage in New Zealand and OECD work on gender equality, recalling the upcoming report on “Women in Government and Public Policies in OECD Countries” and the high-level Global Forum on this topic which will take place in April 2014;
e) noted the comments by Norway on the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in Norway, and the comments by the Chair;

iii) Admission of the Slovak Republic in the Development Assistance Committee (DAC)

f) noted that the Development Assistance Committee, at its 17 September meeting, agreed to the admission of the Slovak Republic in the Committee;

g) noted the remarks by the Slovak Republic and the Chair;

iv) Report on Missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General

h) noted the report on the missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General since 11 July set out in Room Document No. 7;

v) Upcoming TDPC Ministerial in Marseille on 5-6 December 2013

i) noted the remarks by Mexico confirming Ministerial participation at the TDPC Ministerial and interest in the role of Vice-Chair, along with Japan, and the comments by the Chair;

vi) Next Sessions and Council Indicative Work Programme

j) noted the indicative work programme set out in Room Document No. 8 and the remarks by the Chair indicating that the review of the Accession Roadmap for Latvia will be advanced to 15 October;

k) agreed to hold its next session on Tuesday, 15 October 2013.

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DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 26 July 2013 [CES/PE(2013)5]:

165. DRAFT DECISION SUPPLEMENTING THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF DATA IN THE ASSESSMENT OF CHEMICALS [C(81)30(Final)] - PROPOSAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW, UPDATED OR CORRECTED TEST GUIDELINES

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)78;
b) adopted the draft Decision supplementing the Decision of the Council concerning the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals [C(81)30(Final), as amended] set out in Annex I to C(2013)78, and agreed to its declassification.

on 31 July 2013 [CES/PE(2013)6]:

166. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MENA-OECD GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME’S TRAINING CENTRE OF CASERTA

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)93;

b) noted the draft Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a “MENA-OECD Governance Programme’s Training Centre of Caserta”, as set out in the Appendix to document C(2013)93.

and on 13 September 2013 [C(2013)116]:

167. COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE: DESIGNATION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2013)116;

b) agreed to designate Ambassador Oliva (Italy), as Chair of the Council Working Group on Governance, and Ambassador LaRocque (Canada), Ambassador Rozsypal (Czech Republic), and Ambassador Tezcan (Turkey), as Vice-Chairs.
ANNEX

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría
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Mme/Ms. Wilder
M./Mr. Haesendonck
Mme/Ms. Simons
Mme/Ms. LaRocque
Mme/Ms. Thibault
M./Mr. Forsythe
M./Mr. Briones
M./Mr. Lee
M./Mr. Holm
M./Mr. Diez-Hochleitner
M./Mr. Kokk
Mme/Ms. Guthrie-Corn
M./Mr. Koplovsky
M./Mr. Salmimies
M./Mr. Vaaranmaa
Mme/Ms. Andréani
M./Mr. Prevelakis
M./Mr. Katis
M./Mr. Mikola
M./Mr. Forbes
Mme/Ms. Jonsdottir
M./Mr. Barkan
M./Mr. Oliva
M./Mr. Himeno
M./Mr. Okazaki
M./Mr. Dühr
Mme/Ms. Andréani
M./Mr. Perez-Jacome
M./Mr. Eriksen
Mme/Ms. Banks
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M./Mr. Wojciechowski
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M./Mr. Heimsoeth   Allemagne/Germany
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Mme/Ms. Thibault  "
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