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168. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and adopted the draft Agenda for its 1286th session [[C/A\(2013\)17](#)].

169. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 1284th AND 1285th SESSIONS

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Records of its 1284th and 1285th sessions [[C/M\(2013\)15/REV1](#) and [C/M\(2013\)16](#)] and noted the statement by the Secretary-General regarding Item 140 of [C/M\(2013\)15/REV1](#) on the ex-post evaluation of the work of committees related to horizontal projects (Annex I).

ITEMS 170-178 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A POINTS”)

170. REPORT BY THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCES WITH THE 2005 RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON MERGER REVIEW [[C\(2005\)34](#)]

THE COUNCIL

noted document [C\(2013\)72](#) and its CORR1, in particular the report set out in its Annex I, and agreed to the declassification of this report.

171. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL REVISING THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND RENAMING IT THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND STATISTICAL POLICY

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)82](#) and its CORR1 (English version only);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution revising the mandate of the Committee on Statistics and renaming it the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (CSSP), as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2013\)82](#), which will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

172. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL REVISING THE MANDATE OF THE COUNCIL WORKING PARTY ON SHIPBUILDING (WP6)

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)83](#);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council revising the mandate of the Council Working Party on Shipbuilding (WP6) as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2013\)83](#), which will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

173. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL REVISING THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)84](#);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council revising the mandate of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)84](#), which will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

174. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL REVISING THE MANDATE OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)86](#);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council revising the mandate of the Investment Committee as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)86](#), which will enter into force on 1 January 2014.

175. COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION PLANS: PUBLIC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE; REGULATORY POLICY COMMITTEE; TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)121](#);
- b) approved the Participation Plans of the Public Governance Committee, the Regulatory Policy Committee and the Territorial Development Policy Committee, as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)121](#);
- c) agreed to declassify the Participation Plans mentioned under b) in the format set out in paragraph 2 of [C\(2013\)121](#).

176. DRAFT DECISION OF THE COUNCIL INVITING COLOMBIA AND LATVIA TO JOIN AS ASSOCIATES IN THE PROJECT ON BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)123](#);
- b) adopted the draft Decision of the Council inviting Colombia and Latvia as Associates in the Project on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), set out in the Annex to [C\(2013\)123](#), and agreed to its declassification;
- c) noted that each Associate in the Project mentioned under b) shall contribute an annual fee equal to that of an Associate in the CFA to participate in the expenses related to the Project;
- d) agreed to amend the Participation Plan of the CFA accordingly.

177. REVISION OF THE BUDGET OF THE PART II PROGRAMME: SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA CLUB FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 AND THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR 2014

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)106](#);
- b) approved the revised appropriations and estimated income from Members for the 2013 Budget of the Organisation: Part II – Fund 32 – Sahel and West Africa Club, as follows:

Fund 32 – Sahel and West Africa Club	EUR 1 600 000;
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- c) approved the revised appropriations and estimated income from Members for the provisional 2014 Budget of the Organisation, Part II, Fund 32 – Sahel and West Africa Club, as follows:

Fund 32 – Sahel and West Africa Club	EUR 1 600 000.
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178. MANAGING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2013-14: NEW OUTPUT PROPOSAL IN OUTPUT AREA 3.3.1 – DELIVERING THE BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING (BEPS) ACTION PLAN

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)118/REV1](#);

- b) approved the New Output Proposal in 2013-14: Delivering the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan, as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)118/REV1](#).

179. 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 OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos and Deputy Secretary-General Padoan (see also G20 Status Report set out in Room Document No. 2);
- d) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretary-General;

iii) Update on the NAEC Initiative

- e) noted the report by OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos on the NAEC Initiative, and the calendars of the NAEC-related activities and meetings set out in Room Document No. 3;
- f) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretary-General and OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos;
- g) noted that the next NAEC Group meeting is likely to take place in December 2013 and that Colombia and Latvia will be henceforth invited to participate in the Group, in their capacity as accession candidate countries.

180. PRESENTATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE G8 ON THE THREE “Ts” (TRADE, TAX AND TRANSPARENCY) AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE OECD

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Director G8 of the UK Cabinet Office, Mr. Martin (for reference, see the Lough Erne Declaration and G8 Leaders Communiqué as set out in Room Documents Nos. 8 and 9, respectively);

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

181. 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 Secretariat and the Chair.

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

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)112](#) and the introductory remarks by the Chair and the Chair of the Executive Committee;
- b) noted the opinion of the Staff Association on the draft new affordability clause, Article 8 of the *Rules on the remuneration adjustment procedure of the Co-ordinated Organisations* [Annex 1 of Appendix 1 to document [C\(2013\)112](#)];
- c) approved the amendments to Article 8 of the *Rules on the remuneration adjustment procedure of the Coordinated Organisations* (Annex I to the Staff Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to officials), as set out in Annex A.1 to document [C\(2013\)112](#) [see [C\(2013\)112/FINAL](#)];
- d) decided that these amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2017, at the expiration of the four-year period of validity of the current *Rules on the remuneration adjustment procedure of the Co-ordinated Organisations*;
- e) decided that, given the fact that the Co-ordinated Committee on Remuneration (CCR), within the framework of its revision of the remuneration adjustment procedure will also review the affordability clause before 2017 and that a commonly agreed affordability provision may emerge, the Council may revisit the amendments mentioned in paragraph d) above and consider approving the recommended co-ordinated provision.

183. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MARKETS

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Committee on Financial Markets;

- b) noted the comments and questions from the lead participants, the Permanent Representatives of Luxembourg and Ireland, and from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Committee on Financial Markets and the Chair.

**184. DRAFT ROADMAP FOR THE ACCESSION OF
LATVIA TO THE OECD CONVENTION**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)122](#) and the introductory remarks by the Chair;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair;
- c) adopted the Roadmap for the Accession of Latvia to the OECD Convention as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)122](#) and agreed to its declassification after official transmission to Latvia [see [C\(2013\)122/FINAL](#)];
- d) invited the Secretary-General to launch accession discussions with Latvia on the basis of the Annex to document [C\(2013\)122](#);
- e) authorised appropriations for pre-accession in respect of Latvia as set out in paragraph 35 of the Annex to document [C\(2013\)122](#) and agreed that the estimates of income for the Financial Years 2013 to 2015 shall be adjusted accordingly;
- f) instructed all the bodies covered by the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/FINAL](#)], in which Latvia does not already participate as Associate or Participant, to swiftly extend to Latvia 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\(2013\)122](#), and to update their participation plans accordingly.

**185. PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 SKILLS OUTLOOK,
INCLUDING FIRST RESULTS OF THE PIAAC
SURVEY**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Secretariat of the 2013 Skills Outlook, including first results of the PIAAC Survey, launched on 8 October 2013;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair.

**186. THE INTERNET ECONOMY ON THE RISE:
PROGRESS SINCE THE SEOUL DECLARATION**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Secretariat on the publication “The Internet Economy on the Rise: Progress Since the Seoul Declaration”;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair, notably proposing to hold a specific session on the issue of the Internet economy in the coming weeks.

187. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) Seoul Conference on Cyberspace 2013

- a) noted the remarks by Korea on the upcoming Conference on Cyberspace, which will take place in Seoul on 17-18 October 2013 (see draft Programme distributed in session);

ii) 21-22 November Ambassadors’ Seminar

- b) noted the remarks by the Dean on the programme of the Seminar and the draft Agenda set out in Room Document No. 4;

**iii) OECD/CoE Convention on Mutual Administrative
Assistance in Tax Matters**

- c) noted the remarks by Switzerland on its signature of the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters as amended by the Protocol on 15 October, and the comment by the Secretary-General;
- d) noted Room Document No. 5 on the status of the Convention and the remarks by the Secretary-General on the requests by Kenya (5 September 2013), the Philippines (11 October 2013) and the Seychelles (15 October 2013) to become Parties to the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters as amended by the Protocol;

iv) Coordination Issues: Review of Staff Allowances

- e) noted the remarks by the Secretary-General on the CCR discussions concerning the review of the staff allowances (for reference, see his message to all Ambassadors dated 26 September);

v) Seminar on Corporate Business Responsibility

- f) noted the remarks by the Netherlands on the Seminar on Corporate Business Responsibility it will organise in Paris on 4 November;

vi) Report on Missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General

- g) noted the report on the missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General since 19 September set out in Room Document No. 6;

vii) Distinction awarded to the former ELS Director, Mr. John Martin

- h) noted the remarks by Ireland on the award of the *Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad* to Mr. John Martin, former Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS), on the Business and Education areas of achievement;

viii) Council Working Group on Governance (WGG)

- i) noted the remarks by the Chair of the WGG on the first meeting of the Working Group on 27 September and its decision to establish two sub-groups: one on decision making, and the other on working methods, recalling that a proposal for the designation of the Chairs of the sub-groups was transmitted to Ambassadors on 14 October;

ix) Next Sessions and Council Indicative Work Programme

- j) noted the indicative work programme set out in Room Document No. 7, including that the extension of the appointment of Deputy Secretary-General Leterme will be proposed for decision at the next session (see Room Document No. 7/REV1, posted on the Extranet);
- k) agreed to hold its next session on Tuesday, 12 November 2013, noting that a meeting of the Members of the Council will be organised for the visit of the President of Costa Rica, Ms. Chinchilla, on the afternoon of 5 November, and recalling that a session on the internet economy will be scheduled shortly.

DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 15 July 2013 [[CES/PE\(2013\)4](#)]:

188. DRAFT DECISION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE OECD SCHEME FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF FOREST REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL MOVING IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE [[C\(2007\)69](#) AS AMENDED]

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)30](#);

- b) adopted the draft Decision amending the Decision of the Council on establishing the OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Materials Moving in International Trade [[C\(2007\)69](#) as amended] as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)30](#).

189. SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON THE CONTROL OF CHEMICALS: 2012 ACTIVITY REPORT

THE COUNCIL

noted the Activity Report for 2012 on the Special Programme on the Control of Chemicals by the Chemicals Committee set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)71](#).

190. NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF THE CO-OPERATIVE ACTION PROGRAMME ON LOCAL ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (LEED)

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)94](#);
- b) noted the Nineteenth Annual Report by the Directing Committee of the LEED Programme covering the activities of the Programme during 2012 set out in the Annex to document [C\(2013\)94](#).

ANNEX I

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL

Statement by the Secretary-General
on Horizontal Projects

“On 19 September 2013, the Council discussed the draft Summary Record of its 1284th Session, held on Thursday 11 July 2013 [[C/M\(2013\)15](#)] and, in particular, the wording suggested by the Secretariat to reflect Member’s decisions regarding sub-items c) and d) of document [C\(2013\)20](#), corresponding to Item 140 “Annual Report by the Evaluation Committee to Council”. The proposed modifications were as follows (added text underlined):

- “c) invited the Secretariat to take into account the lessons learnt resulting from the pilot evaluation of the committees involved in the Innovation Strategy set out in Annex II to document [C\(2013\)20](#) in the preparation, implementation and follow up of the committees involvement in horizontal projects;
- d) recalled its decision to return, by the end of 2013, to the question of the programming of the remainder of the 2nd IDE Cycle, including the review of committees that have been involved in other horizontal projects, in the light of progress achieved.” [[C/M\(2011\)20](#), Item 221].

At the Council session, the Secretary-General indicated that the changes proposed sought to make the text consistent with the mandate of the Evaluation Committee [[C/M\(2005\)4](#), Item 38], as well as a later Council decision related to the programming of the 2nd In-depth Evaluation (IDE) Cycle [[C\(2011\)123/REV1](#) and its CORR1]. In particular, it sought to correct an inaccuracy introduced at the time of the launching of the 2nd IDE Cycle, whereby in referring shorthand to the evaluation of horizontal projects, the term became disassociated from the required evaluation of accountable committees.

The Secretariat notes that when Council approved the pilot evaluation of the Innovation Strategy, it also endorsed a methodology which is based on the review of the Level I committees with direct accountability for the horizontal project, and also includes an assessment of their performance in relation to the project [[C\(2011\)123/REV1](#) and its CORR1; EXCOM Room Document No. 5 (7 December 2011)]. Thus, the modifications proposed by the Secretariat sought to correct an inaccuracy that, if propagated, would give the wrong impression that the ex-post review of horizontal projects happens independently of the evaluation of accountable committees, which is not the case.

When the *Annual Report by the Evaluation Committee to Council* [[C\(2013\)20](#)] was discussed on 11 July, the same shorthand reference was used, now in relation to the lessons learnt from the pilot evaluation of the Innovation Strategy (sub-item c) and the ex-post review of other horizontal projects (sub-item d). The changes proposed by the Secretariat thus sought to correct this situation and make the Council decision consistent with the EVC methodology and with previous Council decisions in relation to the pilot evaluation of the Innovation Strategy [sub-items d) and e) of document [C\(2011\)123/REV1](#) and its CORR1].

As, on 15 October, Members decided to retain in the draft Summary Record of the 11 July Council session [Item 140 of [C/M\(2013\)15](#)] the same language as per Council decisions of [C\(2013\)20](#), this note seeks to register the reasons for the proposed changes in accordance with the duty of the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Members whenever draft Council Conclusions proposed for insertion in the Summary Record are not in line with previous Council decisions.”

ANNEX II

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría	Président / Chair
M./Mr. Heimsoeth	Allemagne/Germany
M./Mr. Wallenwein	"
M./Mr. Barrett	Australie/Australia
Mme/Ms. Stubits-Weidinger	Autriche/Austria
Mme/Ms. Wilder	"
M./Mr. Haesendonck	Belgique/Belgium
Mme/Ms. Meert	"
Mme/Ms. LaRocque	Canada
M./Mr. Briones	Chili/Chile
M./Mr. Petit Laurent	"
M./Mr. Lee	Corée/Korea
M./Mr. Holm	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	"
M./Mr. Salmimies	Finlande/Finland
M./Mr. Vaaranmaa	"
Mme/Ms. Andréani	France
M./Mr. Villemain	"
M./Mr. Prevelakis	Grèce/Greece
M./Mr. Papachristos	"
Mme/Ms. Borza	Hongrie/Hungary
M./Mr. Tóth	"
M./Mr. Forbes	Irlande/Ireland
Mme/Ms. Ásgeirsdóttir	Islande/Iceland
Mme/Ms. Jonsdottir	"
M./Mr. Barkan	Israël/Israel
M./Mr. Sosnitsky	"
M./Mr. Morav	"
M./Mr. Oliva	Italie/Italy
M./Mr. Kodama	Japon/Japan
M./Mr. Dühr	Luxembourg
M./Mr. Perez-Jacome	Mexique/Mexico
M./Mr. Hernandez Basave	"
M./Mr. Eriksen	Norvège/Norway
Mme/Ms. Riley	Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand
M./Mr. van Hulst	Pays-Bas/Netherlands
M./Mr. Wojciechowski	Pologne/Poland
M./Mr. Pinheiro	Portugal
Mme/Ms. Brocková	République slovaque/Slovak Republic
M./Mr. Rozsypal	République tchèque/Czech Republic
M./Mr. Bridge	Royaume Uni/United Kingdom
M./Mr. Wood	"

Mme/Ms. Boskovic-Pohar	Slovénie/Slovenia
Mme/Ms. Turel	"
M./Mr. Ahnlid	Suède/Sweden
M./Mr. Flückiger	Suisse/Switzerland
M./Mr. Jeanneret	"
M./Mr. Tezcan	Turquie/Turkey
M./Mr. Karadeniz	"
Mme/Ms. Spatolisano	Union européenne/European Union
Mme/Ms. Liira	"
M./Mr. Martin	Directeur G8 du Bureau du Cabinet du Royaume-Uni/Director G8 of UK Cabinet Office
M./Mr. Edey	Président du Comité des marchés financiers/Chair of the Committee on Financial Markets
M./Mr. Padoan	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Tamaki	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Danvers	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Alter	Directeur/Directo, GOV
M./Mr. van Haute	Directeur/Director, SGE/CES
M./Mr Gooch	Directeur/Director, PAC
M./Mr. Ash	Directeur/Director, TAD
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