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**Council**

**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1293rd SESSION**

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on Thursday, 13 February 2014.**

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**14. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

THE COUNCIL

noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and adopted the draft Agenda for its 1293<sup>rd</sup> session [[C/A\(2014\)2](#)].

**15. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1292<sup>nd</sup> SESSION**

THE COUNCIL

agreed to postpone the approval of the Summary Record of its 1292<sup>nd</sup> session [[C/M\(2014\)1](#)] to its next session.

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**ITEMS 16-25 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A POINTS”)**

**16. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON PRINCIPLES FOR INDEPENDENT FISCAL INSTITUTIONS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)17](#) and its CORR1;
- b) adopted the draft Recommendation of the Council on Principles for Independent Fiscal Institutions set out in the Appendix to document [C\(2014\)17](#) and agreed to its declassification;
- c) recalled that the participation of Partners in OECD bodies is governed by the Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/FINAL](#)].

**17. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION: INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PENSIONS COMMITTEE (IPPC) – FINAL REPORT**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)15](#) and its CORR1 & 2;
- b) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC) was “Medium” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, "High" for effectiveness and “Very High” for efficiency;

- c) noted that, while agreeing in general with the assessment made by the Evaluation Committee, several Members considered that “relevance” could have been rated higher;
- d) approved the recommendations and good practice proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document [C\(2014\)15](#);
- e) invited the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC) 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, including 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 July 2014;
- f) 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 January 2015.

**18. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION: ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (EPC) – MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)3](#);
- b) noted that the response of the Economic Policy Committee to the evaluation recommendations has been appropriate;
- c) invited the Chair of the Economic Policy Committee, in the framework of a future dialogue with the Council, to report on any further progress made in implementing the recommendations.

**19. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION: COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER POLICY (CCP) – MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)2](#);
- b) noted that the response of the Committee on Consumer Policy to the evaluation recommendation has been appropriate;
- c) invited the Chair of the Committee on Consumer Policy, in the framework of a future dialogue with the Council, to report on any further progress made in implementing the recommendation.

**20. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL  
REVISING THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND  
COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND RENAMING IT  
THE COMMITTEE ON DIGITAL ECONOMY  
POLICY**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)9](#);
- b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council revising the mandate of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy and renaming it the Committee on Digital Economy Policy (CDEP), as set out in the Annex to document [C\(2014\)9](#).

**21. REPORT BY THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON  
COMPETITION ASSESSMENT [[C\(2009\)130](#)]**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)1](#), in particular the report set out in its Appendix I, and agreed to the declassification of this report;
- b) invited the Competition Committee to further develop the Competition Assessment Toolkit and to propose a revision of the Recommendation of the Council on Competition Assessment, as necessary.

**22. PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES ON APPOINTMENT  
CONVERSION FOR OECD OFFICIALS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2013\)119/REV2](#) and its CORR1;
- b) noted the principles and policies on appointment conversion implemented by the Secretariat, as set out in paragraphs 18 and 19 of [C\(2013\)119/REV2](#);
- c) noted that key aspects of the Secretariat's approach to appointment conversions involves monitoring the ratio of long-term engagements to short-term and aligning long-term staff costs with long-term financial resources and that the Secretariat will continue to report on trends in these areas, identifying any implications for staffing policy;
- d) noted that the Secretariat will continue to report on the implementation of the appointment conversions policy in its report on the human resource policy reforms to be presented at the end of 2014.

**23. COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION PLANS - WORKING GROUP ON BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS; OECD NETWORK ON FISCAL RELATIONS ACROSS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT; TRADE COMMITTEE: WORKING PARTY ON EXPORT CREDITS AND CREDIT GUARANTEES**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)16](#);
- b) approved the Participation Plans of the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and the OECD Network on Fiscal Relations Across Levels of Government, as well as the amended Participation Plan of the Trade Committee, as set out in Annex I to document [C\(2014\)16](#);
- c) noted the criteria for assessing requests by Partners to accede to the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions as set out in Annex II to document [C\(2014\)16](#), replacing those set out in document [C\(2004\)1](#) and its CORR1;
- d) agreed to declassify the Participation Plans mentioned under b) in the format set out in paragraph 2 of [C\(2014\)16](#).

**24. DRAFT DECISION OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING THE PARTICIPATION PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS (CFA)**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)18](#);
- b) noted the amended conditions for Associates in the Committee on Fiscal Affairs set out in Annex I to document [C\(2014\)18](#);
- c) invited Argentina to become an Associate in the Committee on Fiscal Affairs on the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of document [C\(2014\)18](#);
- d) invited the People's Republic of China to become an Associate in Working Party No. 10 on Exchange of Information and Tax Compliance of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs;
- e) invited Latvia to become a Participant in the Committee on Fiscal Affairs;
- f) agreed to amend the Participation Plan of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs accordingly.

**25. REVISION OF THE FINANCING OF THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE PART II PROGRAMME: GLOBAL SCIENCE FORUM (GSF)**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted document [C\(2014\)13](#);
- b) approved the revised estimate of income for the 2014 Part II Budget of the Organisation as follows:

Fund 44: Global Science Forum

Assessed contributions EUR 540 219;

Use of 2013 unused appropriations carried-forward to 2014 EUR 20 781;

- c) noted that the total appropriations for the 2014 Part II Budget of the Organisation would remain unchanged as follows:

Fund 44: Global Science Forum EUR 561 000.

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**26. PREPARATIONS FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2015-2016**

**Informal Convergence Paper**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the Informal Convergence Paper set out in Room Document No. 1, the introductory remarks by the Chair, the Secretariat and the Dean, as well as the remarks by the Chair of the Budget Committee;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair, the Chair of the Budget Committee and the Dean, and that a final version will be prepared in the light of the discussion and transmitted to all Ambassadors (*see message by the Dean to all Ambassadors on 14 February*);
- c) noted that the Informal Convergence Paper will inform the Secretary-General's PWB Guidance and will accompany such Guidance for committees, to assist them with their PWB discussions.

**27. PREPARATIONS FOR OECD WEEK 2014**

THE COUNCIL

**i) Presentation on Forum Preparations**

- a) noted Room Document No. 4 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair;

**ii) Draft MCM Discussion Notes**

- c) noted document [C\(2014\)35](#), the introductory remarks by Japan in its capacity as Chair of the 2014 MCM and the remarks by the Chair;
- d) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair;
- e) agreed to return to the draft Discussion Notes at its next session, following written comments received by 20 February and the review by the Executive Committee on 4 March;

**iii) Next Steps**

- f) noted Room Document No. 5 setting out the indicative timetable for the MCM Documentation, and the fact that the Ministerial consultations with BIAC and TUAC will take place in Tokyo on 8 April; noted also the remarks by the Chair and Japan in its capacity as Chair of the 2014 MCM;
- g) agreed to return to the MCM preparations at its next session, in conjunction with a Meeting of the Members of the Council with the Accession and Key Partner countries on 14 March.

**28. PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the Dean's Non-Paper on the Preparation of Council Sessions circulated to all Ambassadors on 28 January, and the report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on Governance (WGG) set out in document [C\(2014\)19/REV1](#) (reproducing the Dean's Non-Paper in its Annex I), as well as the introductory remarks by the Dean and the Chair of the WGG;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair and the Chair of the WGG.

**29. INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL  
AND INDICATIVE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT  
SESSION**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the indicative work programme of the Council, the indicative draft agenda for the next session set out in Room Document No. 2 and the introductory remarks by the Chair;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair.

**30. ACTIVITY REPORTS**

THE COUNCIL

**i) Report by the Secretary-General**

- a) noted the report by the Secretary-General and the additional information provided by Members of the Council (see also the letter by Ambassador Forbes to the Secretary-General on the OECD's Leaders' programme for the visit of Ireland's Prime Minister, Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D., and Deputy Prime Minister, Tánaiste Eamon Gilmore T.D. distributed in session);
- b) noted the comments by other Members of the Council;

**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. 6);
- d) noted the comment by Canada and the reply by the Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos;

**iii) Update on the NAEC Initiative**

- e) noted the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General, recalling that the deadline for the transmission of written comments on the first draft of the NAEC Synthesis Report is 14 February; noted also the report by OECD Chief of Staff & Sherpa to the G20 Ramos on the NAEC Initiative, including on the 7 February NAEC Group meeting, and the update of the calendar of the NAEC-related activities and meetings set out in Room Document No. 7, as well as the announcement of the launch of the NAEC website set out in Room Document No. 10;
- f) noted the comment by Italy and the reply by the Secretary-General.



**31. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE CHEMICALS COMMITTEE**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Chemicals Committee;
- b) noted the comments and questions from the lead participants, the Permanent Representatives of Germany, Australia and the European Union, and from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Chemicals Committee, the Secretariat and the Chair.

**32. 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. 3;
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair.

**33. INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS (ICANN): PROTECTION OF THE NAMES AND ACRONYMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

THE COUNCIL

- a) noted Room Document No. 9, the presentation of the state of play by the Secretariat (PPT presentation) and the remarks by the Chair, calling on Members to take action through the ICANN's Government Advisory Committee (GAC), notably at the next GAC meeting in Singapore on 23-27 March 2014, to support the request that ICANN protect the name of the Organisation and its acronyms - "oecd" and "ocde" - and more generally the names and acronyms of well-recognised international organisations, to prevent unauthorised registration both at first and second levels [for reference, see [C/M\(2011\)18/PROV](#), Item 185; [C/M\(2011\)20/PROV](#), Item 243, iv); [C/M\(2012\)8](#), Item 127, ii)];
- b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the support for the Secretariat's action expressed by several;
- c) noted that the Secretariat will provide its views in written form to all Members so that they can transmit them to relevant authorities in Member countries.

**34. OTHER BUSINESS**

THE COUNCIL

**i) Proposal to Establish an OECD Competitiveness Centre in Istanbul**

- a) noted the statement by Turkey (*this statement was subsequently posted on the Council Extranet*) and the remarks by the Chair;

**ii) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession of Japan to the OECD**

- b) noted the Brochure “Japan’s 50 Years with the OECD” and the remarks by Japan indicating that, as part of Japan’s Anniversary activities, the Delegation will organise a *Koto* concert on Friday, 21 March at 18:00, in Room Roger Ockrent;

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

- c) noted the report on the missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General since 20 January set out in Room Document No. 8;

**iv) Next Session**

- d) agreed to hold its next session on Wednesday, 12 March 2014, in conjunction with a Meeting of the Members of the Council with Accession and Key Partner countries on Friday, 14 March 2014 (afternoon), and noted the remarks by the Chair concerning the possible need to move the date of the mid-April Council session from Thursday, 17 to Friday, 18 April.\*

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\* The date of 18 April was subsequently confirmed on 25 February 2014.

## ANNEX

## 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. LaRocque	Canada
M./Mr. Briones	Chili/Chile
M./Mr. Petit Laurent	"
M./Mr. Lee	Corée/Korea
M./Mr. Holm	Danemark/Denmark
M./Mr. Diez-Hochleitner	Espagne/Spain
M./Mr. Kokk	Estonie/Estonia
Mme/Ms. Pruunsild	"
Mme/Ms. Guthrie-Corn	Etats-Unis/United States
M./Mr. Koplovsky	"
M./Mr. Vaaranmaa	Finlande/Finland
Mme/Ms. Andréani	France
M./Mr. Villemain	"
M./Mr. Papachristos	Grèce/Greece
M./Mr. Katis	"
Mme/Ms. Manavi	"
M./Mr. Mikola	Hongrie/Hungary
M./Mr. Forbes	Irlande/Ireland
M./Mr. Hutson	"
Mme/Ms. Ásgeirsdóttir	Islande/Iceland
M./Mr. Barkan	Israël/Israel
M./Mr. Sosnitsky	"
M./Mr. Oliva	Italie/Italy
M./Mr. Motta	"
M./Mr. Kodama	Japon/Japan
M./Mr. Dühr	Luxembourg
Mme/Ms. Moes	"
M./Mr. Pérez-Jácome	Mexique/Mexico
M./Mr. Eriksen	Norvège/Norway
Mme/Ms. Banks	Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand
M./Mr. van Hulst	Pays-Bas/Netherlands
M./Mr. Wojciechowski	Pologne/Poland
M./Mr. Zadruzynski	"
M./Mr. Pinheiro	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. Sykes	"
M./Mr. Jarc	Slovénie/Slovenia
Mme/Ms. Swärd-Capra	Suède/Sweden
M./Mr. Flückiger	Suisse/Switzerland
M./Mr. Brunet	"
M./Mr. Rende	Turquie/Turkey
Mme/Ms. Spatolisano	Union européenne/European Union
Mme/Ms. Liira	"
M./Mr. Hayamizu (Point/Item 31)	Président du comité des produits chimiques/Chair of the Chemicals Committee
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. Danvers	Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
Mme/Ms. Ramos	Directrice de Cabinet et Sherpa de l'OCDE pour le G20/OECD Chief of Staff and G20 Sherpa
M./Mr. Rottier	Directeur exécutif/Executive Director, EXD
M./Mr. van Haute	Directeur/Director, SGE/CES
M./Mr. Gooch	Directeur/Director, PAC
M./Mr. Bonucci	Directeur/Director, SGE/LEG
M./Mr. Scarpetta	Directeur/Director, ELS
M./Mr. Blundell-Wignall	Directeur adjoint DAF et Conseiller spécial auprès du Secrétaire général pour les marchés financiers/DAF Deputy Director and Special Advisor to the Secretary General for Financial Markets
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