Council

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1299th SESSION

held at the Château de la Muette, Paris,
on Wednesday, 18 June 2014.
100. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

THE COUNCIL

noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and adopted the draft Agenda for its 1299th session [C/A(2014)8].

101. **APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 1297th AND 1298th SESSIONS**

THE COUNCIL

agreed to return to the approval of the Summary Records of its 1297th and 1298th sessions [C/M(2014)6 and C/M(2014)7 & ADD1&2] at its next session.

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**ITEMS 102-109 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE ("A POINTS")**

102. **IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)66;

b) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Tourism Committee was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, "medium to high" for effectiveness and “high” for efficiency;

c) approved the recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document C(2014)66;

d) invited the Tourism Committee to:

i) take the appropriate measures for the implementation of the recommendations, drawing on information provided in the IDE Good Practice repository¹ as relevant, and to take into account the results of the evaluation during the next review of its mandate;

ii) present an action plan corresponding with the recommendations to the Evaluation Committee before the end of October 2014;

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 June 2015.

¹ See https://community.oecd.org/community/ide/good_practices.
103. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE ACTION PROGRAMME ON LOCAL ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)67;

b) noted that the Evaluation Committee assessment with regard to the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) was “high” for the evaluation criteria of relevance, “high” for effectiveness and “high to very high” for efficiency;

c) approved the recommendations and good practice proposed by the Evaluation Committee as set out in document C(2014)67;

d) invited the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) to take the appropriate measures for the implementation of the recommendations, drawing on information provided in the IDE Good Practice repository as relevant, and to take into account the results of the evaluation during the next review of its mandate;

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 May 2015.

104. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND STATISTICAL POLICY (CSSP): MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)73;

b) noted that the response of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy to the evaluation recommendation has been appropriate;

c) invited the Chair of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy, in the framework of a future dialogue with the Council, to report on any further progress made in implementing the recommendations.

2 See https://community.oecd.org/community/ide/good_practices.
105. POST-ACCESSION PROGRESS REPORT: ESTONIA

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)76;

b) welcomed the progress made by Estonia to date in the implementation of its accession commitments as well as its co-operation and engagement in the post-accession reporting process;

c) recalled that, on the date of the post-accession report to Council on 16 May 2013, post-accession reporting had been completed in the Investment Committee, the Environment Policy Committee and the Committee on Financial Markets [C/M(2013)10, Item 91 ii)];

d) noted that the post-accession reporting has now been completed in the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee and the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee, and that further reporting will take place in the Corporate Governance Committee as set out in the Annex to document C(2014)76;

e) requested the Secretary-General to present a report on remaining issues in 2015.

106. POST-ACCESSION PROGRESS REPORT: ISRAEL

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)77;

b) welcomed the progress made by Israel to date in the implementation of its accession commitments as well as its co-operation and engagement in the post-accession reporting process;

c) noted the status of implementation by Israel of legal instruments for which it had requested timeframes at the time of accession as set out in Annex I to document C(2014)77;

d) recalled that, on the date of the post-accession report to Council on 19 June 2013, post-accession reporting had been completed in the Committee on Statistics and the Committee on Financial Markets [C/M(2013)13, Item 113];

e) noted that post-accession reporting has now been completed in the Corporate Governance Committee and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, and that further reporting will take place in the Chemicals Committee, the Environment Policy Committee, the Employment Labour and Social Affairs Committee and the Trade Committee as set out in Annex II to document C(2014)77;

f) requested the Secretary-General to present a report on remaining issues in 2015.
107. **POST-ACCESSION PROGRESS REPORT: SLOVENIA**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)78;

b) welcomed the progress made by Slovenia to date in the implementation of its accession commitments as well as its co-operation and engagement in the post-accession reporting process;

c) recalled that, on the date of the post-accession report to Council on 16 May 2013, the implementation by Slovenia of the legal instrument for which it had requested a timeframe at the time of accession had been completed as set out in Annex I to document C(2014)78, and that post-accession reporting had been completed in the Investment Committee, the Working Group on Bribery, the Environment Policy Committee, the Committee on Financial Markets and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee [C/M(2013)10, Item 91 iii];

d) noted that further reporting will take place in the Corporate Governance Committee as set out in Annex II to document C(2014)78;

e) requested the Secretary-General to present a report on remaining issues in 2015.

108. **DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA AND THE OECD ON THE PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES GRANTED TO THE ORGANISATION**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)69 and its CORR1;

b) approved the draft Agreement between the Republic of Colombia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on the Privileges, Immunities and Facilities granted to the Organisation, set out in Annex I to C(2014)69 and its CORR1;

c) authorised the Secretary-General to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Organisation.


THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)59;

110. POST-ACCESSION PROGRESS REPORT – CHILE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)75 and its CORR1, and the remarks by Chile;

b) welcomed the progress made by Chile to date in the implementation of its accession commitments as well as its co-operation and engagement in the post-accession reporting process;

c) noted the status of implementation by Chile of legal instruments for which it had requested timeframes at the time of accession as set out in Annex I to document C(2014)75;

d) recalled that, on the date of the post-accession report to Council on 16 May 2013, post-accession reporting had been completed in the Committee on Financial Markets, the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, the Committee on Statistics and the Trade Committee [C/M(2013)10, Item 91 i];

e) noted that further reporting will take place in the Investment Committee’s Working Group on International Investment Statistics, the Chemicals Committee, the Environment Policy Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee, as set out in Annex II to document C(2014)75 and CORR1;

f) requested the Secretary-General to present a report on remaining issues in 2015.

111. FOLLOW-UP TO THE 2014 OECD WEEK

THE COUNCIL

i) General considerations

a) noted document C(2014)83 as well as the introductory remarks by the Chair, Japan, in its capacity as Chair of the 2014 MCM and the Secretariat [for reference: see also Chair’s Summary C/MIN(2014)16 and Ministerial Council Statement C/MIN(2014)15/FINAL, as well as the Media review of the OECD Week 2014 and the brochure on the Highlights of the Forum available in session];

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair and Japan in its capacity as Chair of the 2014 MCM;

ii) Non-Members and Main MCM Outcomes

a) welcomed the adherence by Andorra to the Declaration on Automatic Exchange of Information in Tax Matters;

d) recalled the willingness by Costa Rica and Lithuania to join the Ministerial Climate Change Statement and the Ministerial Council Statement [see Chair’s
Summary C/MIN(2014)16, paragraph 21], and agreed to return to this issue at the appropriate time [for reference, see C(2013)58/FINAL];

iii) Next Steps and Preparations for the 2015 OECD Week

e) noted that the Members are invited to transmit further comments on the general considerations of the preparation of the MCM [see section II of document C(2014)83];

f) noted the interest expressed by the Netherlands to chair the 2015 MCM;

g) noted the proposal by the Chair that the 2015 OECD Week take place the first week of June;

h) agreed to return to the 2014 OECD Week follow-up and the preparations for the 2015 OECD Week at future Council sessions, notably at its next session as regards the Chair and the dates, as well as at the Ambassadors' retreat.

112. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO UKRAINE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the introductory remarks by the Chair and the presentation by the Secretariat, including that a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation with Ukraine is under preparation (for reference, see the five project proposals transmitted by the Secretary-General to all Ambassadors on 22 May);

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair, including on the issue of resources to enhance the level of cooperation with Ukraine and the possible use of the Net Results of the 2013 Budget for this purpose.3

113. AUDIT ISSUES

THE COUNCIL

i) Internal Audit Annual Report

a) noted document C(2014)80 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by the Chair of the Audit Committee and Sweden and the reply by the Secretary-General;

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3 A note detailing the activities and work that the OECD is doing with Ukraine was subsequently transmitted to all Ambassadors on 20 June.
ii) Report by the Chair of the Audit Committee  
on the 5 June Meeting of the Committee
  c) noted document C(2014)93 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Audit Committee;

iii) Appointment of the OECD External Auditor
  d) noted document C(2014)94 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Audit Committee;
  e) agreed to appoint the Supreme Audit Institution of France as the OECD External Auditor, effective 1 November 2014 up to 31 October 2018.

114. 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 along with the indicative draft agenda for the next session set out in Room Document No. 1 and the introductory remarks by the Chair;
  b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the replies by the Chair.

115. 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;
    b) noted the comments by other Members of the Council and the reply 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 Secretariat (see also G20 Status Report set out in Room Document No. 2);
    d) noted the comment by Sweden (see also the brochure “No Transfer, No Trade – the Importance of Cross-Border Data Transfers for Companies Based in Sweden”, distributed in session);
  iii) Update on NAEC
    e) noted the report by the Secretariat on the NAEC Initiative and the update of the calendar of the NAEC-related activities and meetings set out in Room Document No. 3.
116. 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. 4;

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

117. PUBLICATION LAUNCH: OECD/FAO AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentation by the Secretariat and the remarks by the Chair on the publication OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2014-2023, which will be launched on 11 July in Rome (PPT Presentation);

b) noted the comments by the Netherlands, announcing upcoming round tables on the “food/energy/water nexus” that it will organise in the fall together with the Secretariat, including the IEA, in anticipation of the Global Forum on Environment; noted also the comments by other Members of the Council, and the replies by the Secretariat and the Chair.

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

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)86 and the presentation by the Chair of the Management Board of the PBRF (PPT presentation);

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

119. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) Council Working Group on Governance (WGG)

a) noted the oral report by the Chair of the WGG on progress in the OECD governance review in view of the 15 July session of the Council, and the comment by the Chair;
ii) Budget Parameters for the 2015-16 PWB

b) noted the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General and the presentation by the Secretariat on the PWB preparations and on recent developments concerning the salary adjustment for 2015 and the consideration of this in the finalisation of the Budget Parameters for the 2015-16 PWB;

c) noted that the Budget Committee will address the Secretary-General’s report on the draft Budget Parameters for 2015-16;

d) agreed to return to the Secretary-General’s draft Budget Parameters, in the light of the Report by the Chair of the Budget Committee, at its 15 July session, at which time Council will be invited to approve the Zero Real Growth Part I Budget adjustment for 2015-16;

iii) CCR - Tax Adjustments on OECD Pensions

e) noted the remarks by the Secretary-General on the latest proposal by France and Belgium to the CCR concerning cutting back on the tax adjustments paid on pensions (see also the note setting out the Secretariat’s views transmitted to all Ambassadors on 16 June);

f) noted the comments by France and the reply by the Secretary-General;

iv) Proposed Dates of the Next Global Strategy Group (GSG)

g) noted that the next GSG session will take place on 25-26 November 2014; noted also the remarks by the Chair and Denmark on behalf of the Chair-designate of the GSG;

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

i) agreed to return to the preparations for the 25-26 November GSG meeting at its September session, on the basis of a draft agenda;

v) Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding on the OECD/Korea Policy Centre

j) noted the remarks by Korea on the work of the OECD/Korea Policy Centre, including that the renewal process of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Centre [C(2008)71] for a further three-year period has been launched, and the comment by the Chair;

vi) EVC/IDE Electronic Information Platform

k) noted the remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee (EVC), indicating that the EVC/IDE Electronic Information Platform is now operational (see also

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4 The 2015-16 draft Budget Parameters by the Secretary-General were subsequently issued on 23 June [see C(2014)85].
the leaflet “Presentation of the EVC/IDE Information Platform” distributed in session);

vii) Report on Missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General

l) noted the report on the missions of the Deputy Secretaries-General since 18 April set out in Room Document No. 5;

viii) Next Session

m) agreed to hold its next session on Tuesday, 15 July 2014.

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DOCUMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The following conclusions were approved by the Council under the written procedure on 30 May 2014 [CES/PE(2014)3]:

120. DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE JUDGES TO THE EUROPEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY TRIBUNAL

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)70;

b) adopted the draft Resolution of the Council on the appointment of the judges to the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal, as set out in the Annex to document C(2014)70;

c) agreed to abrogate the Resolution of the Council of 15 June 1983 concerning the composition of the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal [C/M(83)12(final)];

d) agreed to return to the appointment of the judges to the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal for its 9th Term of Office before 24 November 2014.

and on 18 June 2014 [CES/PE(2014)4]:

121. RATE OF INTEREST TO BE APPLIED TO THE ACCOUNTS OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE STAFF PROVIDENT FUND OF THE ORGANISATION FOR 2013

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2014)26;
b) adopted the draft Resolution set out in the Annex to document C(2014)26 concerning the rate of interest to be credited to the accounts of participants in the Staff Provident Fund of the Organisation for 2013.
ANNEX

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría  Président / Chair
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Mme/Ms. Wilder  "
M./Mr. Haesendonck  Belgique/Belgium
M./Mr. Kirsch  "
Mme/Ms. LaRocque  Canada
Mme/Ms. Serrano  Chili/Chile
M./Mr. Petit Laurent  "
M./Mr. Lee  Corée/Korea
M./Mr. Holm  Danemark/Denmark
M./Mr. Diez-Hochleitner  Espagne/Spain
Mme/Ms. Latorre Sancho  "
M./Mr. Kokk  Estonie/Estonia
M./Mr. Yohannes  Etats-Unis/United States
M./Mr. Vaaranmaa  Finlande/Finland
Mme/Ms. Andréani  France
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