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**GRANT OF PATRONAGE BY THE ORGANISATION  
TO THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SERVING CHILDREN  
WITH DISABILITIES (Washington, D.C.)**

(Note by the Secretary-General)

*This document is submitted to the Executive Committee for approval under the written procedure.*

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1. In a letter dated 8 July 1998, the Permanent Representative of the United States has informed the Secretary-General of her authorities' wish that the patronage of the Organisation be granted to the Fifth International Congress on Serving Children with Disabilities in the Community, to be held in Washington D.C., from 22 to 24 September 1998.
2. The Congress will provide a forum for an exchange of views about the ways countries can build, in local communities, multi-disciplinary systems of health, education and social services to provide needed supports to children with special needs and their families.
3. The OECD has been involved with this international project since 1995 and granted its patronage to the Fourth International Congress held in 1996 [CE(96)2]. This year's Congress will again be open to all OECD Member countries.
4. The granting of patronage would not involve any additional financial outlay for the Organisation.
5. The Executive Committee is invited, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Resolution of the Council of 3 July 1962 [C(62)89(Final)], to adopt the following draft entry in its Summary Record:

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

agreed to grant the patronage of the Organisation to the Fifth International Congress on Serving Children with Disabilities in the Community, to be held in Washington, D.C., from 22 to 24 September 1998.