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CONCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF THE DAC MANDATE

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Dear Delegates,

The deadline of 9 July 2010 for any objections to the Seventh Draft of the DAC Mandate [DCD/DAC(2010)34], indicated in the cover page, has expired. While there were a few Members who had proposed changes on different points, they have subsequently all withdrawn their proposals in order to join an emerging consensus. Therefore, the seventh version is considered approved by the Committee. I believe that, while it may not be perfect for all Members, this draft broadly captures the identity of the DAC, and is therefore appropriate for Council submission.

In the document that will be submitted to the Council, the Council Secretariat has advised adding the standard preamble which also lists the recommendations from the In-Depth Evaluation. The document will also include a standard introduction that describes briefly the history of the Committee, reference to the In-Depth Evaluation, and a description of the subsidiary body structure. The Secretariat is currently developing this introduction, which will be reviewed by myself and the Bureau before submission. Neither the preamble nor the introduction are permanent elements of the mandate which remains exactly as written in the seventh version. The mandate will be annexed to this introduction prepared specifically for the Council and is attached for your reference.

For those whom I may not see in person in the next few weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a well deserved summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eckhard Deutscher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eckhard Deutscher

ANNEX
DRAFT MANDATE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to [CM(60)2(Final) Item 14C];

Having regard to the following recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the Development Assistance Committee [C(2007)99 & CORR2];

- i) the DAC should conduct a strategic reflection in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders on how development assistance needs and constraints are likely to evolve over the longer term in the context of the globalisation process, and a review of its role, structure, functioning and composition in the light of opportunities and risks that are likely to arise in the future; it should report the results of this exercise to Council at the latest by the end of 2009;
- ii) the DAC should strengthen its capacity for top-down direction vis-à-vis its sub-bodies by deciding their (dis)continuation at the moment of mandate expiry on the basis of the completion of their mission and an appreciation of their performance with regard to recognised evaluation criteria (i.e. relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability); it should also continue to implement its recent initiatives similarly aimed at reinforcing its capacity for top-down direction, monitor their implementation and impact on its functioning, and refine and strengthen them as necessary;
- iii) the DAC should, by drawing on its experience of collaboration in the area of *Aid for Trade* and with the Development Centre, consider how to strengthen horizontal working with other bodies across the OECD;
- iv) the DAC, in collaboration with the other bodies belonging the Development Cluster, should take steps to ensure appropriate balance in the involvement of stakeholders, including partner countries, other international organisations, private sector actors and funds, NGOs, etc., in its activities; it should also anticipate and take measures to avoid the emergence of duplication with other international organisations;
- v) the DAC should conduct a consultation with users of development assistance statistics on their broad quality (i.e. including their ease of use, accessibility, etc.) and on issues of harmonisation

of the different data sets available; at the same time the DAC Working Party on Statistics should continue its work to rationalise data reporting mechanisms;

- vi) the DAC should, in the forthcoming evaluation of the Paris Declaration, examine the factors that are fostering awareness and use in partner countries of Output Results produced in the framework of this initiative; it should subsequently take them into account in order to promote the impact at this level of Output Results in other areas of its work;

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Development Assistance Committee [C(2010)ZZ];

Committed to supporting developing countries in their efforts to improve the lives of their peoples in a sustainable manner, including by attaining the Millennium Development Goals;

Recognising that members of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) continue their common efforts to increase resources for development and to improve their effectiveness;

Convinced of the need to align development co-operation to the specific context and challenges of each developing country and region;

Aware that poorer countries are constrained in their engagement with the global economy and are at risk of increasing marginalisation;

Aware that the policy choices of OECD countries and emerging economies as well as policy challenges relating to global public goods affect development results;

Recognising the need for the DAC to work with other policy communities and development stakeholders beyond its membership with a view to enhancing development results;

Convinced that sustainable and broad-based development of developing countries—including fragile and conflict affected states—is essential for global stability and inclusive growth;

Recognising that, while developing countries' ability to mobilise domestic resources as well as to access private and public finance extended on commercial terms should be supported given the contributions they make to economic development, many developing countries will continue to require official development assistance (ODA), at least throughout the period of this mandate;

DECIDES:

A. The Development Assistance Committee has the following mandate:

The mandate of the DAC is to promote development co-operation and other policies so as to contribute to sustainable development, including pro-poor economic growth, poverty reduction,

improvement of living standards in developing countries, and to a future in which no country will depend on aid.

Within the terms of the mandate set out above and in order to fulfil such mandate, the Committee shall:

- a) monitor, assess, report, and promote the provision of resources that support sustainable development, as specified above, by collecting and analysing data and information on ODA and other official and private flows;
- b) review development co-operation policies and practices, particularly in relation to national and internationally agreed objectives and targets, and promote mutual learning;
- c) provide analysis, guidance and good practice to assist its Members and the expanded donor community to enhance the quality and effectiveness of development assistance, particularly regarding pro-poor economic growth and poverty reduction;
- d) analyse and help shape the rapidly evolving global development architecture to optimise development results;
- e) promote perspectives on global public goods and policy coherence for development in co-ordination with other policy communities in OECD;
- f) make Recommendations to members of the Committee, as well as to the Council, within its competence on matters related to development;
- g) engage or invite non-member countries—in particular those with major development co-operation programmes—international organisations, private sector organisations, and civil society representatives, so as to assure the relevance and inclusiveness of DAC's work¹.

B. The mandate of the Development Assistance Committee shall remain in force until 31 December 2015.

¹ OECD countries that are not members of the DAC are entitled to participate in all meetings of the DAC and its Subsidiary Bodies in areas of mutual interest. .