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Working Party on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE OECD
GUIDELINES HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2000**

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1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Working Party on the Guidelines met on the afternoon of 13 December. It adopted its Agenda as set out in DAFFE/IME/WPG/A(2000)5.

2. Approval of the Summary Record of the September meeting

The Working Party approved without amendments the Summary Record of its meeting held on 20-21 September 2000 [DAFFE/IME/WPG/M(2000)4].

3. Implementing the Council Decision and Procedural Guidance

a) Developments in Adhering Countries, including relations with BIAC, TUAC and NGOs

The Chair reported on informal contacts with BIAC, and informed the Working Party of the results of the half-day consultations with BIAC, TUAC and NGOs held on the morning of 13 December.

Delegations reported on activities associated with the Guidelines at the national level since the last WPG meeting. In particular, delegations informed the Working Party of the further steps taken to establish and strengthen their National Contact Point, of their relations with the business community, labour organisations, NGOs and other interested parties, and of the promotional activities underway.

Delegations also agreed on the desirability of maintaining, on the OECD Guidelines web-site, hyperlinks to the national web-sites of Adhering countries.

Following discussions in the Working Party and conclusions by the Chair regarding the usefulness of an overview of developments in the NCPs of Adhering countries, a summary of these developments as supplied by delegations will be issued separately.

b) First Annual Meeting of National Contact Points

The Working Party:

- Held an exchange of views on the 2001 Annual Meeting of National Contact Points [DAFFE/IME/WPG(2000)8/REV1];
- Agreed that the common non-compulsory framework presented in Annex 1 to DAFFE/IME/WPG(2000)8/REV1 should be sent to National Contact Points to assist them in drafting their annual report;

- Agreed that such annual reports would be considered at the June meeting of National Contact Points, and that, based on those individual reports, a summary report of NCP activities should be submitted to the CIME at its September meeting;
- Agreed to encourage BIAC, TUAC and NGOs to seek input from their own constituencies on Guidelines-related activities for discussion at the 2001 Annual Meeting of NCPs;
- Invited the Secretariat to prepare a more complete document for the roundtable to be held in conjunction with the NCP Annual Meeting, taking into account discussions and the summing up by the Chair.

4. The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: Proposed Publications

a) Communication Tools for the Guidelines

The Working Party:

- Held an exchange of views on Communication Tools for the Guidelines [DAFFE/IME/WPG(2000)14];
- Agreed on the list of publications proposed in the note by the Secretariat.

b) Technical Supplement on Clarifications of the Guidelines

The Working Party:

- Held a discussion on “The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: Text, Commentary and Clarifications” [DAFFE/IME/WPG(2000)15];
- Invited the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft taking into account the comments made by delegations and the summing up by the Chair*. This document will then be circulated to delegations for their input by written procedure.

5. Future Work and Other Business

The Working Party:

- Held an exchange of views regarding its future work as presented in the Tentative Schedule of Meetings [DAFFE/INV/IME(2000)2/REV3];
- Invited the Secretariat to prepare for April a detailed agenda on the series of meetings planned for June;
- Agreed to hold its next meeting in the week of 9 April 2001.

* This document was subsequently issued as DAF/IME/WPG(2000)15/REV2.

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