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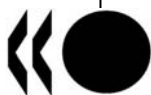
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Unless there are objections by 9 July 2010, this version will be considered approved by the DAC and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

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Seventh DRAFT of the DAC¹ MANDATE (2011-15)

The Council:

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;

Agrees:

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;

¹ The predecessor of the Development Assistance Committee, the Development Assistance Group (DAG), was set up on 13 January 1960 by the Special Economic Committee and approved by Council on 14 January 1960 [CM(60)2(Final) Item 14 C].

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 work².

² 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. .