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**DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF 916th DAC meeting**

**held on 19 May 2010, at the OECD Conference Centre, Paris**

**DAC Meeting, 28 June 2010**

*This Summary Record is submitted for APPROVAL under Item 2 of the Draft Annotated DAC Agenda [DCD/DAC/A(2010)13].*

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**DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 916<sup>TH</sup> DAC MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON 19 MAY 2010 AT 9H30 IN THE OECD CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda [DCD/DAC/A(2010)9]**

1. In response to a query from the Belgian delegate (Martinus Desmet), the Secretariat explained that the revised agenda now correctly indicated that the PWB would not be discussed at the end-June DAC meeting – since the OECD-wide PWB deadline had been shifted to an earlier date in June. The Danish member (Mr. Frode Neergaard) requested that the date of the upcoming DAC retreat and any informal DAC meetings be inserted in future agendas (e.g. the meeting grid). The delegates for France (Laurence Dubois Destrizais), Canada (Nicole Gesnot), Belgium, Luxembourg (Luc Dockendorf), and Switzerland (Danielle Meuwly Monteleone) unanimously criticised the quality and timeliness of translated documents for both the Senior Level Meeting and the Belgium Peer Review, and requested that this be reflected in the meeting record. The Secretariat (Mr. Groff) urged Delegations to bring translation concerns to the attention of their Heads of Delegation who, in turn, could communicate them to senior OECD Secretariat management. The French delegate requested that simultaneous translation services – particularly at Senior- and High-level Meetings – be provided for as long as speakers held the floor (rather than arbitrarily being stopped when the session was scheduled to conclude). She also noted the difficulty staff in capitals experience in accessing the OLIS link, and as a consequence suggested that the use of Electronic Discussion Groups (EDGs) be limited to documents where the DAC wanted speedy feedback. The Swiss Vice Chair noted that the DAC Bureau had proposed that the Secretariat use EDG technology on a pilot basis as a way of enhancing work efficiency, and agreed to reflect on this matter with the rest of the Bureau.

**2. Draft Summary Records**

***910<sup>th</sup> DAC Meeting, 16 March 2010 [DCD/DAC/M(2010)3/PROV]***

2. The Summary Record was adopted without comment.

***911<sup>th</sup> DAC Meeting, 29 March 2010 [DCD/DAC/M(2010)4/PROV]***

3. The Summary Record was adopted without comment.

***912<sup>th</sup> DAC Peer Review Methodology Meeting, 30 March 2010 [DCD/DAC/M(2010)5/PROV]***

4. The Summary Record was not taken up.

**3. Programme of Work and Budget 2011-12 [DCD/DAC(2010)24] & [DCD/DAC(2010)4/ADD/REV3]**

5. Members agreed to the budget plan (Table 1), the detailed breakdown (Annex 1), that funding for the International Dialogue be positioned outside the regular DAC PWB (Annex 3) and that there would

be transparency around off-budget funding in general. It was also agreed that the PWB document going to the Budget Committee refer to continuing substantive discussions with members in relation to three topics:

- i. **Aid effectiveness:** a first meeting is planned on 23 June to begin discussion around the direction of the aid effectiveness agenda after the 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum in Korea, November/December 2011. This will be the first in a series of such meetings between now and HLF4. A separate discussion on the 2012 budget for the Working Party will be initiated in the second half of 2011.
- ii. **Policy Coherence for Development:** as stated at the DAC meeting on 19 May, there will be a PCD focal point in the DAC Secretariat to ensure close coordination with the PCD coordinator in the Office of the Secretary-General. In addition, further discussions with members will be organised to develop a common perspective about the future direction the DAC should, or could, take on PCD. This goes beyond that which is described in Section II of DCD/DAC(2010)24. How to implement the Council's decision and recommendation on PCD Institutional Practices will be an integral part of this discussion. Related to this is the ongoing discussion about OECD development goals. These discussions will begin in the second half of 2010.
- iii. **Tax and Governance/Development:** the overall Tax and Development Programme is still under discussion and it will take time to define in what way the DAC's tax and governance work in the PWB 2011-12 will support this larger Programme which will be led jointly by the CFA and the DAC. The GOVNET is being consulted on this matter this month, after which further information will be fed back to both Committees. Discussions on resources will become clearer as the content of the new Programme is firmed up and the role of the GOVNET is clarified. A discussion in the DAC may be organised before the summer break.

6. The Chair requested that the Secretariat make the corporate presentation of the PWB 2011-12 available to DAC members as soon as possible in early June, providing members with a few days to make comments on the presentation of the above three issues prior to the Secretariat's submission of the document to the Budget Committee.

#### 4. **Fifth Draft DAC Mandate [DCD/DAC(2010)28]**

7. The Chair recommended the Committee to approve the fifth draft of the DAC mandate as he saw that it broadly captured Members' views and that there were no critical pending issues. However, while most Members were ready to accept this draft, some made further suggestions to the text, which reopened the discussion. Several Delegates underscored the importance of this mandate beyond a bureaucratic requirement. The Secretariat was therefore asked to incorporate the comments made into a sixth draft for approval by 4 June, in order to submit it to Council. The Chair commented that the discussion should be closed after the sixth draft as it was not a productive use of time and urged Delegates not to reintroduce more editing. On the name change, the Chair stated that he will elaborate a paper on its pros and cons to reflect the topic again at the next High Level Meeting breakfast.

#### 5. **DAC Chair Financing Reform [DCD/DAC(2010)27]**

8. The Chair made an introduction by stating that, after two and a half years of discussion on the topic, the Bureau shared the view that if there is no consensus on this matter, the discussion should be closed. This would imply that the current practice for the DAC Chair's selection and financing will continue. The Secretariat (Mr. Stephen Groff) added that there were several Members who held firm positions on either the equal shares option or the 30/70 shares option, making it difficult for the Secretariat to facilitate a consensus. He added that the United States of America was also considering a third option. While a few Members agreed to the proposal of closing the discussion before the next DAC meeting of 28

June if there is no consensus, including Japan which stated its clear preference for the *status quo*, some others suggested further consultation and discussion on the topic. The Chair requested the Secretariat to make a new round of consultations before the next DAC meeting to reassess the situation.

## **6. Progress Report: DAC Capacity Development Initiative 2009-2010 [DCD/DAC(2010)23]**

9. The Secretariat (Mr. James Hradsky) introduced its annual capacity development progress report by highlighting the current vision that carries this DAC work stream through to the 2011 HLF4. Emphasis will be placed on seeking maximum input from partner countries so that they gradually assume greater leadership of our collective effort in capacity development. Commentary from delegates was broadly supportive of this approach and the Secretariat was encouraged to persist in moving the focus of this work toward increasingly joint and operational guidance. The next progress report in May 2011 will provide specific insight into the nature of capacity development discussion in the run-up to HLF4 and beyond.

## **7. Other Business**

### ***Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, Paris, 11<sup>th</sup> May***

10. The Secretariat (Jon Lomoy) reported on progress with tax and development work. Following proposals discussed at the joint DAC/CFA meeting in January, a Task Force on Tax and Development met for the first time in Paris on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting was co-Chaired by the Netherlands and South Africa (also representing the Africa Tax Administration Forum -- ATAF) and brought together representatives of the tax and development communities from OECD (UK, US, Norway, Germany, Japan, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Italy), and developing countries/emerging economies (India, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Zambia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam), business, international organisations (ATAF, EU, CIAT, ITC, ITD, UN), and NGOs (TJN, TJN Africa, Christian Aid, Eurodad, and CCFD). It was agreed the Task Force will work in four groups with developing countries on 1) exchange of information to address tax havens; 2) strengthening transfer pricing implementation; 3) examining the case for county-by-country reporting of profits and taxes paid by MNEs; 4) the GOVNET was invited to work on tax and state building and report on practical ways of linking tax revenue to expenditure outcomes; track risks of aid dependency and the impact on tax; and report on aid levels directed to revenue functions.

11. The Secretariat is designing a Tax and Development Programme to help implement the work of the Task Force which would report jointly to the DAC and CFA. It is proposed this Programme would be funded by voluntary contributions in an off-budget account, again reporting jointly to the DAC and CFA. The Tax and Governance template in the 2011-12 PWB represents the DAC's core contribution to the forthcoming joint DAC/CFA Tax and Development Programme and is defined in general terms as a 'marker' to allow for flexibility in a fast-moving policy arena. The template is consistent with a request from the Task Force to the GOVNET to undertake work on state building, aid and accountability.

12. The next step is that the Secretariat will develop a Programme proposal for the CFA and DAC, taking account of the Task Force discussions. An informal meeting of the DAC may be arranged before the summer break to discuss the latest developments.

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