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REVISED MANDATE OF THE DAC NETWORK ON POVERTY REDUCTION

Note by the Secretariat

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Attached is the revised Mandate of the POVNET. It reflects the comments made at the POVNET meeting on 19-20 June 2003 as well as a comment by the DAC, at its meeting with the chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies on 24 June 2003, to include a reference to the POVNET taking account of ongoing research.

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The DAC Network on Poverty Reduction (POVNET) will:

- Focus on the multidimensionality of poverty and on the relationship between inequality, economic growth and poverty reduction in developing countries;
- Provide a forum for the exchange of experience and best practice on pro-poor growth, i.e. involving the poor in generating growth and benefiting from growth and globalisation;
- Address, from this perspective, strategies and policies in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, trade and investment capacity building, information and communication technology , the role of the private sector and public-private partnerships;
- Promote the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals and a central role for broad-based growth and its determinants within the strategic framework of national Poverty Reduction Strategies.

The POVNET will involve other stakeholders in its work, including partner countries and development organisations beyond the DAC Permanent Observers (World Bank, IMF, UNDP). It will interact with other DAC bodies, including the Networks on Gender Equality and on Environment and Development Co-operation, whose Chairs will be invited ex officio to take part, whenever justified by the agenda, in POVNET meetings. The POVNET will take account of ongoing research and interact with other OECD policy communities, as appropriate, to strengthen the development dimension of their work and promote policy coherence for development. The POVNET will determine the appropriate modalities for implementing its work programme.