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This document sets out the status of Estonia, Israel and Slovenia's participation in the OECD Development Assistance Committee during the interim period before their accession to the OECD is formalised. It confirms that Chile has become a full Member of the OECD.

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1. On 10 May 2010, the OECD Council invited Estonia, Israel and Slovenia to become Members of the Organisation [C/M(2010)10]. Accession agreements are currently being signed with each of the countries and OECD Membership will be formalised when the accession countries have deposited their instruments of accession to the OECD Convention with the depositary of the Convention, the French Government. This is expected to occur during Q3 of 2010 for Israel and Slovenia and during Q4 of 2010 for Estonia.
2. Council has decided [C/M(2010)10] that, in the interim period before their accession is formalised, Estonia, Israel and Slovenia are invited to participate in the work of all OECD bodies that are open to all Members.
3. Although full membership of the DAC is not open to all OECD Members, the DAC does invite all OECD countries that are not members of the Committee to participate in its meetings. Indeed, these countries participate very actively in the DAC's work.
4. Accordingly, Estonia, Israel and Slovenia are invited to participate in DAC meetings on the same basis as non-DAC OECD Members. All three have already shown growing interest in the DAC's work, for example by participating in DAC High- and Senior Level Meetings. Estonia represents the Baltic States in the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness and participated actively in the recent Seminar on Aid Management, hosted by Poland in Warsaw on 18 May 2010. Slovenia is participating as an observer in the DAC Peer Review of Portugal.
5. A similar status was accorded to Chile in February [DCD/DAC/RD(2010)2/RD8]. On 7 May 2010, Chile deposited its instrument of accession and became a full Member of the OECD.