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This document is submitted for INFORMATION. It sets out the status of Chile's participation in meetings of the Development Assistance Committee during the interim period before its accession to the OECD is formalised.

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1. On 15 December 2009, the OECD Council invited Chile to become a Member of the Organisation [C(2009)182/FINAL]. The corresponding Accession Agreement was signed on 11 January 2010. Chile's OECD Membership will not be formalised until it has deposited its instrument of accession to the OECD Convention with the French Government. This is expected to occur in early March 2010.
2. Council has decided [C/M(2009)24] that, in the interim period before its accession is formalised, Chile is 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, Chile is invited to participate in DAC meetings on the same basis as non-DAC OECD Members. During its process of acceding to the OECD, Chile has already shown growing interest in the DAC's work. It participated in the 2009 High-Level Meeting, and, on 28-29 September 2009, was an active participant in the Policy Dialogue on Development Co-operation in Mexico City.