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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REVIEWING THE 2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION

Delegates are invited to send their responses to the Secretariat (laurent.bernat@oecd.org) by 28 May 2010.

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RECOMMENDATION ON ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION**

1. The Recommendation on Electronic Authentication was adopted by the OECD Council on 12 June 2007 [C(2007)68]. It reaffirms the important role of electronic authentication in fostering trust online and the continued development of the digital economy. It encourages efforts by Member countries to establish compatible, technology-neutral approaches for effective domestic and cross-border electronic authentication of persons and entities.

2. The Recommendation represented the culmination of a series of initiatives to implement the 1998 Ottawa Ministerial Declaration on Authentication for Electronic Commerce. It was developed on the basis of the Guidance on Electronic Authentication [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2006)3/REV3] which was developed by the Working Party on Information Security and Privacy (WPISP) and adopted by the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP). The OECD Council declassified the Guidance when it adopted the Recommendation on 12 June 2007.

3. In 2007, the WPISP initiated a new stream of work that focuses on the management of digital identity (IdM) and builds upon its previous work on electronic authentication, including the 2007 Guidance and the Recommendation. WPISP activities related to IdM included the organisation of a workshop in Trondheim, Norway, in 2007, the development of a report on "The Role of Digital Identity Management in the Internet Economy: A Primer for Policy Makers" [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2008)10/FINAL] and, more recently, a survey of National Strategies and Policies for IdM in OECD Countries [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2010)3]. Other work carried out by the WPISP related to electronic authentication, includes the draft report on the protection of children online [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2010)5].

4. The Recommendation instructs the ICCP Committee to *review* the Recommendation within three years of its adoption and thereafter as appropriate. The attached questionnaire is circulated to member countries in the context of this review. A brief report on the responses will be prepared for discussion at the December 2010 WPISP meeting and delegates will be asked to agree on the conclusion of the review regarding whether or not there is a need to revise the Recommendation.

Action requested: WPISP delegates are invited to send their response to the Secretariat (laurent.bernat@oecd.org) by **28 May 2010**.

QUESTIONS

- Q1 In view of developments since the adoption of the 2007 Council Recommendation on E-authentication and in light of other OECD work in this area (*e.g.* WPISP work on Identity Management, protection of children online), is the Recommendation still adequate?
- Q2 If no to Q1, are there any elements of the Recommendation that may require modification or deletion?
- Q3 If no to Q1, is there a need for new elements to be developed?
- Q4 If no to Q1, do you have any additional observations regarding the continued adequacy of the Recommendation?