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EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Board of Participating Countries of the Teaching and Learning International Survey

**ITEMS DEALT WITH BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE BETWEEN THE 18TH SESSION AND THE
19TH SESSION OF THE TALIS BOARD OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

The Committee is invited to NOTE the items in this document, which will be included as an Annex to the Summary Record of the 19th Session of the TALIS Board of Participating Countries [EDU/INES/TALIS/M(2015)2].

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Introduction

1. This document lists items handled by written procedure since the 18th meeting of the TALIS Board of Participating Countries. These items will be incorporated into the subsequent Summary Record as an Annex.

2. In consequence, the Committee is invited to **NOTE** the following items which will be included as an Annex to the Summary Record of the 19th Session of the TALIS Board of Participating Countries.

Items dealt with by written procedure

Approval of the draft summary record of the 18th meeting of the TALIS Board of Participating Countries (e-mail and posted on Clearspace on 19 May 2015)

3. It was requested that all comments be received by 9 June 2015 in order for it to be sent with the draft mandate to be sent to the Education Policy Committee for clearance to proceed with the approval process for the transition of TALIS to a Part II Programme. The draft summary record was updated and finalised with the comments received and posted on [Clearspace](#) on 21 July 2015.

Approval of a Participation Plan for the TALIS Governing Board and the TALIS Part II Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for 2016 (Participation plan and PWB e-mailed to the BPC on 19 October 2015)

4. Following the creation by the OECD Council of a Part II Programme for the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS), as of 1 January 2016, there were a few follow-up steps to take so that the TALIS Part II Programme can operate from January 2016:

- a Participation Plan [[EDU/INES/TALIS\(2015\)20](#)] needed to be approved, so as to allow the participation of non-OECD countries in the TALIS Survey and the invitation of some of them as members of the Programme and Associates in the TALIS Governing Board;
- the TALIS Part II Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for 2016 [[EDU/INES/TALIS\(2015\)9](#)] also needed to be approved.

5. In both cases, these documents needed clearance, done in parallel by the TALIS BPC and by the Education Policy Committee, its parent body until January 2016. These documents were shared with the TALIS Board of Participating Countries for comment on 19 October 2015. The Participation Plan was approved under written procedure on 2 November 2015 and the TALIS Part II Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for 2016 was approved under written procedure on 9 November 2015.

Nomination of Ms Mary Coleman to replace Mr Patrick Gonzales on the TALIS Executive Strategy Group (ESG) (e-mail message to the BPC on 19 October 2015)

6. The United States nominated Ms Mary Coleman to replace Mr Patrick Gonzales on the TALIS BPC. Our US colleagues suggested that it might be more effective in terms of communications to have the same individual attend the TALIS BPC and ESG meetings. The Secretariat, therefore, proposed to the TALIS BPC, by written procedure on 19 October 2015, that Ms Mary Coleman replace Mr Patrick Gonzales on the ESG. No objections were received by the deadline of 9 November and Ms Coleman was thus elected as vice-Chair on the TALIS Executive Strategic Group.