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RENEWAL OF THE PISA MANDATE AND OF THE PISA SUBGROUPS

1. The current five-year PISA mandate [C(2006)173] and the mandates of the PISA subgroups - the Strategic Development Group, Group of National Project Managers, and Editorial Group [C(2006)173/ANN2] - will expire on 31st December 2011.
2. The renewal of the mandates will be decided by Resolution of the OECD Council during the course of 2011.
3. A draft new PISA mandate (see Annex 1) has been prepared taking into account the In-Depth Evaluation recommendations [C(2010)52]. Its overall content and structure remain unchanged in accordance with the PGB's decision at its 30th meeting in Vienna (1-3 November 2010) [EDU/PISA/GB/M(2010)2/REV1].
4. The mandate of the Editorial Group has been modified in accordance with the PGB's decision to rename the group and modify its role [EDU/PISA/GB/M(2009)1REV1 and EDU/PISA/GB(2009)22]. The draft mandates of the Strategic Development Group and Group of National Project Managers remain unchanged (see Annex II).
5. The PISA Governing Board is invited to:
 - REVIEW the draft PISA mandate and the mandates of the Strategic Development Group, the Group of National Project Managers, and the Analysis and Dissemination Group (formerly Editorial Group).
 - APPROVE the draft mandates subject to review by the OECD's Legal Service, Council Secretariat and Programme, Budget and Financial service.

ANNEX 1

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE RENEWAL THE MANDATE OF THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960, and, in particular, Articles 5 a), 9 and 12 thereof;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Financial Regulations and the Financial Rules of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of 26 September 1997 to establish a Decentralised Programme for Producing Indicators on Student Achievement on a Regular Basis [C(97)176/FINAL], now referred to as the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), as last renewed by Council on 14 December 2006 [C/M(2006)20, Item 265 and Annex VI of C(2006)173];

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council of 9 April 2004 on Harmonisation of Names of Part II Subsidiary Bodies Supported by the Directorate for Education [C(2004)72; C/M(2004)13];

Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of PISA [C(2010)52];

Having regard to the proposals set out in the Note by the Secretary-General concerning the renewal of the mandates of the Education Committee, the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), the Programme on Institutional Management of Higher Education (IMHE), the Programme on Educational Building (PEB) and the Programme on International Student Assessment (PISA) [C(2011)xx];

Considering that Member countries and Non-Member Economies participating in the Programme for International Student Assessment wish to pursue their co-operation;

DECIDES:

The Programme for International Student Assessment has the following mandate:

The Programme for International Student Assessment

The work of PISA reflects and complements the priorities of the OECD as a whole, in promoting sustainable development and social cohesion through good governance. It contributes to fulfilling the Directorate for Education's mission of assisting members and partners to achieve high quality lifelong learning for all that contributes to personal development, sustainable economic growth and social cohesion. It is carried out with the framework of the *Main Principles Guiding the Governance Structure of the OECD Education Bodies* [EDU(2006)8/ANN3/REV1] and with due regard to the mandates of the other education bodies.

Mission

Every three years, until the end of the current mandate, PISA implements and analyses internationally standardised assessments of student learning outcomes up to the end of compulsory education that extend to educational content in curricular and cross-curricular areas, as well as to learning processes, behaviours and attitudes. Within the overall OECD education work programme, PISA seeks to progressively enhance comparative policy insights on how to improve: the quality of learning outcomes; equity in learning opportunities; the effectiveness and efficiency of educational processes; and the impact of learning outcomes. The three-yearly implementation of the surveys also provides trend indicators that allow participants to monitor improvements in educational outcomes.

Membership

Membership of PISA is open to member countries and non-member economies in line with the global relations strategy of the Programme.

Governing Board

The PISA Governing Board (herein after “PGB”) shall be concerned with all matters in the field of competence of the Programme including those of any subsidiary bodies. Having regard to the mandate of the Education Policy Committee (EDPC) and the *Main Principles Guiding the Governance Structure of the OECD Education Bodies*, the PGB, in particular,

- Determines the policy priorities for PISA and oversees adherence to these priorities during implementation. This includes the setting of priorities and standards for data development, analysis and reporting as well as the determination of the scope of work that will then form the basis for the implementation of PISA.
- Works with the OECD Secretariat to ensure compliance with the policy objectives and design parameters at milestones during implementation
- Develops and approves its work programme and budget and cost elements of the scale of contributions, taking into account the medium-term strategy developed by the Education Policy Committee.
- Prioritises its activities and outputs in consultation with the Education Policy Committee.
- Monitors the quality and timeliness of output results, activities and projects.
- Disseminates its policy advice, analysis, research and data to a wide range of stakeholders in member and non-member countries.
- Evaluates the outcomes of the work.
- Seeks the guidance of the Education Policy Committee for recommendations with major policy implications and for decisions to launch major new activities with significant financial implications for OECD members.

Members of the PGB are deemed to speak on behalf of the government that they represent. Governments should, whenever possible, appoint representatives to the PGB who are knowledgeable about large-scale student assessments and their interface with educational policy and practice.

The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the PGB will be elected for a period of three years.

The PGB may invite non-members as full participants or observers to its meetings.

The Chair or a Vice-Chair of the Education Policy Committee and the Governing Boards of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, the Programme on Institutional Management of Higher Education and the Programme on Educational Building may attend meetings of the PGB, *ex officio*.

The PGB may organise its meetings or meeting of its subsidiary bodies outside OECD Headquarters on the basis of a reasoned request from a Permanent Representative on behalf of a member. The host will accept responsibility for additional direct and indirect expenditures related to the meeting so that it is no more expensive for the Organisation than it would have been if held at OECD Headquarters.

Decision-Making

The PGB shall seek the consensus in its deliberations and decisions. If unable to reach consensus, the matter will be brought to a vote and will be decided by a two-thirds majority of the PGB members. Notwithstanding this provision, decisions relating to the operation of the PGB, the elements to be included in calculating the floor contribution for the scale of contributions, changes to project design and structure as well as the frequency of successive PISA surveys will be adopted by consensus.

Budget of the Programme

The programme of work, scale of contributions and budget of the Programme shall be examined by the Budget Committee which shall address its comments to the PGB and shall refer to the Council any question which cannot be settled by agreement with the PGB. The budget shall be deemed to be adopted at the end of this procedure.

The expenditure of the Programme shall be charged against the appropriations authorised for it under a Part II Chapter of the Budget of the Organisation. The Programme budget is not included in the OECD consolidated budget envelope.

The scale of contributions will be composed of a floor contribution, to be determined by the PGB, and the remainder of costs to be assigned to members and full participants on the basis of the OECD principles and rules for determining the scales of contributions by Members other than for Part I of the Budget of the Organisation,* using as input statistics the national income data and exchange rates used in the calculation of scales for the previous year, subject to the following:

- Each member and full participant's contribution will be determined by the previous year's contribution in real terms plus an adjusted difference representing the difference between their contribution for the current year as calculated in accordance with the previous paragraph and the previous year's inflation adjusted contribution, adjusted so that:
 - no member's/full participant's contribution increases/decreases by reference to their contribution in the previous year by more than 5% in real terms, and

* In the event of a withdrawal of a participating country from PISA, the limit on the year on year increase of member contributions will not apply in the year in which that country is first removed from the calculation of the scale of contributions.

- all members/full participants share the same percentage in the difference between their contribution for the current year as calculated in accordance with the previous paragraph and the previous year's contribution in real terms.”

Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 10 of the Financial Regulations of the Organisation, appropriations, for which no commitment has been entered into before the end of the Financial Year for which they were appropriated and surplus publications income shall be automatically carried forward to the budget for the ensuing year by decision of the Secretary-General.

Relationship with other bodies

The PGB shall maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies of the Organisation working on issues related to educational assessment and outcomes. The PGB shall co-operate with other international and regional organisations active in its field of competence. It may consult with non-governmental bodies as and when necessary.

Duration

This mandate shall remain in force until 31 December 2016.

ANNEX II

PISA SUB GROUPS

THE PISA STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Task

The Strategic Development Group (SDG) will advise the PISA Governing Board on the establishment of a broader analytic agenda for PISA that would extend across the various future survey cycles and the strategic design and development of PISA. Aspects requiring input from national authorities are dealt with through the Governing Board rather than through the Strategic Development Group.

Composition

The PISA Governing Board will determine the processes for the selection of the members of the Strategic Development Group in line with the OECD rules of Procedure.

Duration

This mandate shall remain in force until 31 December 2016, unless the PISA Governing Board decides to terminate it earlier.

THE GROUP OF PISA NATIONAL PROJECT MANAGERS

Task

The Group of PISA National Project Managers manages and co-ordinates the implementation of PISA at the operational level.

Composition

All participants of the survey cycle are represented on the Group. The PISA Governing Board will determine the profile of the National Project Managers at the start of each survey cycle and participants will then nominate their representatives accordingly.

Duration

This mandate shall remain in force until 31 December 2016, unless the PISA Governing Board decides to terminate it earlier.

THE PISA ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION GROUP (formerly PISA EDITORIAL GROUP)

Task

The PISA Analysis and Dissemination Group advises the PISA Governing Board on:

- The establishment of a broader framework for PISA research and analysis that would build international capacity and extend across future survey cycles.
- Opportunities and challenges arising from the production of PISA Thematic Reports and other research and analysis outputs, such as policy notes, working papers, seminars, conferences and training workshops.
- The establishment of a broad community of policy makers, stakeholders and academics interested in PISA research and analysis, to exploit the full potential of PISA for policy advice and take advantage of the different interests, incentives and academic disciplines which can contribute to PISA research and analysis .

Composition

The Analysis and Dissemination Group is made up from members of the PISA Governing Board. The PISA Governing Board will determine the process of selection of the Group members in line with the OECD Rules of Procedure.

Duration

This mandate shall remain in force until 31 December 2016, unless the PISA Governing Board decides to terminate it earlier.