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**RENEWAL OF THE PISA PROGRAMME**

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*In line with the PGB's decision to remove reference to the frequency of PISA assessments from the items requiring consensus in the PGB's decisions (EDU/PISA/GB/M(2016)1, paragraph 13), the text 'the frequency of successive surveys and' has been removed from paragraph 15.*

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## RENEWAL OF THE PISA PROGRAMME

1. The PISA Part II Programme and the current five-year mandate of the PISA Governing Board [[C\(2011\)92/REV2](#) and CORR 1] - will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.
2. The renewal of the Programme and of the Governing Board mandate will be decided by Resolution of the Council during the course of 2016.
3. A draft Resolution (see Annex I) has been prepared taking into account the continued relevance of the Programme. ~~Its overall content and structure remain unchanged from~~ Compared to the current Resolution, reference to the frequency of assessments has been removed from the items requiring a consensus in the PGB's decision and ~~the other~~ principal changes reflect the Revised Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/REV1/FINAL](#)] in terms of the references and the relevant terminology.
4. In accordance with Rule 21 c) of the Rules of Procedure, with the renewal of its mandate, the PISA Governing Board must undertake an evaluation of the continuing relevance of its subsidiary bodies - the Strategic Development Group, and Analysis and Dissemination Group, which also expire on 31 December 2016 and decide whether their mandates should be renewed.
5. The PISA Governing Board is invited to:
  - REVIEW and APPROVE the draft Resolution [[C\(2016\)92](#)] renewing the PISA Programme and the mandate of the PISA Governing Board as presented in Annex I.
  - REVIEW the continued relevance of the substructure and AGREE to renew the mandates of the Strategic Development Group and the Analysis and Dissemination Group as presented in Annex II.
  - APPROVE the draft Resolution [[C\(2016\)92](#)] as presented in Annex I for transmission to Council for adoption.

## ANNEX I

### DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL RENEWING THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation;

Having regard to the Revised Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [[C\(2012\)100/REV1/FINAL](#)];

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 22 November 2011 [[C\(2011\)92/REV2](#) and CORR1, Annex and [C/M\(2011\)19](#), Item 204];

Having regard to the proposed renewal of the Programme for International Student Assessment and the mandate of its Governing Board [[C\(2016\)92](#)];

Considering that Members and non-Members participating in the Programme for International Student Assessment wish to pursue their co-operation;

DECIDES:

A. The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is renewed as follows:

#### **Mission and objectives**

6. The work of PISA reflects and complements the priorities of the OECD in promoting sustainable development and social cohesion through good governance. The programme contributes to supporting participating Members and Partners in achieving high quality lifelong learning for all that contributes to personal development, sustainable economic growth and social cohesion.

7. The objective of PISA is to support participating Members and Partners in achieving high quality lifelong learning by improving the quality of learning outcomes, increasing equity in learning opportunities, and enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of educational processes and the impact of learning outcomes. The Programme will address this objective by providing progressively enhanced

comparative policy insights through the implementation and analysis of triennial internationally standardised assessments of student learning outcomes up to the end of compulsory education.

### **Participation**

8. Participation in PISA is open to all OECD Members.

9. Invitations to and participation of non-Members in PISA with Associate status in the PISA Governing Board (“PGB”) will be approved by the Council following a recommendation of the PGB. Other non-Members may participate in the PISA survey and may be invited by the PGB as Participants in the PGB. Participant fees, if any, shall be determined by the Secretariat of PISA.

### **Governing Board**

10. The 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), 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;
- Ensures compliance with the policy objectives and design parameters at milestones during implementation;
- Develops and approves its work programme and budget and the floor contribution for the calculation of the scale of contributions, taking into account the medium-term strategy developed by the EDPC;
- Prioritises its activities and outputs in consultation with the EDPC;
- Monitors the quality and timeliness of output results, activities and projects;
- Disseminates its policy advice, analysis, research and data to a wide range of Members and non-Members participating in PISA;
- Evaluates the outcomes of the work;
- Seeks the guidance of the EDPC for recommendations with major policy implications and for decisions to launch major new activities with significant financial implications for OECD Members.

11. Representatives on 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.

12. The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the PGB will be designated for a one year period with the understanding that this can be renewed at least twice.

13. The Chair or a Vice-Chair of the EDPC, the Governing Board of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, the Teaching and Learning International Survey Governing Board, and the Board of Participating Countries for the Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competencies may attend meetings of the PGB, *ex officio*.

14. In accordance with Rule 4 of the OECD Rules of Procedure, the PGB may organise its meetings or meeting of its subsidiary bodies outside OECD Headquarters. 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, except if specific circumstances justify a different approach.

15. The PGB shall seek the consensus in its 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. 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 and~~ matters related to the participation by non-Members will be adopted by consensus.

### **Budget of the Programme**

16. The programme of work and budget of the Programme and the scale of contributions 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 PISA shall be charged against the appropriations authorised for it under Part II of the Budget of the Organisation.

17. 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 Associates 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:

18. Each Member and Associate'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:

- a) no Member's or Associate's contribution increases or decreases by reference to their contribution in the previous year by more than 5% in real terms, and

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\* 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.

- b) all Members and Associates 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.

19. Appropriations for which no commitment has been entered into before the end of the Financial Year for which they were appropriated, as well as any surplus income, shall be automatically carried forward to the budget of PISA for the ensuing year by decision of the Secretary-General, notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 10 of the Financial Regulations of the Organisation.

#### **Relationship with other bodies**

20. The PGB shall maintain close working relationships with other relevant bodies of the Organisation working on issues related to educational assessment and outcomes.

21. The PGB shall co-operate with other international and regional organisations active in its field of competence.

22. The PGB may consult with non-governmental bodies as and when necessary.

#### **Duration**

23. This Resolution shall remain in force until 31 December 2021.

## ANNEX II

### SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE PISA GOVERNING BOARD

#### 1. 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 2021, unless the PISA Governing Board decides to terminate it earlier.



## **2. THE PISA ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION 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 makes, 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 of representatives of the PISA Participants on 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 2021, unless the PISA Governing Board decides to terminate it earlier.