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ANNOTATED AGENDA

**32nd Session of the Public Governance Committee
29 November 2005
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague**

Please note that the meeting will begin at 14h00 on Tuesday 29 November in the Van Kleffens Room at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

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**32ND SESSION OF THE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
29 NOVEMBER 2005
14:00-18:00**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

14:00-14:15	1. Adoption of the agenda	GOV/PGC/A(2005)3/PROV/REV1
	2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 31 st session of the Public Governance Committee	GOV/PGC/M(2005)1
	3. Opening remarks by the Chair	
14:15-15:45	4. Results of the Meeting of the PGC at Ministerial Level: Implications for 2007/8 Programme of Work	GOV/PGC/MIN(2005)4
15:45-16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:15-17:45	5. Management in Government : Feasibility Report on the Development of Comparative Country Data	GOV/PGC(2005)10 GOV/PGC(2005)10/ANN
17:45-18:00	6. Bureau Election Guidelines	GOV/PGC(2005)11
18:00	7. Other Business	

NOTES

Item 4. Results of the Meeting of the PGC at Ministerial Level: Implications for 2007/8 Programme of Work.

1. On 28 November, ministers and other high-level country representatives met to discuss how to strengthen public trust through improving dialogue with citizens and delivering results. A central theme of the meeting was public sector modernisation: countries' experiences with modernisation, whether it has provided the right tools, and how to move ahead with reform. One of the objectives of the Ministerial meeting was to provide medium-term orientations for the work of the PGC by identifying emerging challenges and priority areas where OECD work on public governance could provide real added value.

2. This agenda item will provide an opportunity for countries to launch a discussion of the programme of work for the next biennium, drawing guidance from the results of the Ministerial meeting.

3. Delegates may also wish to draw upon the results of the Programme Implementation Reporting (PIR) for 2004 [GOV/PGC(2005)12/ANN1] as well as the current work programme [GOV/PGC(2005)13].

4. OECD Committees will be asked to prepare their 2007/8 work programme over the period January to June 2006. Following the Committee's discussions at this session, the Secretariat will prepare a draft work programme to be tabled at the meeting of the Enlarged Bureau on **20 February 2006**. Further revisions will be made based on country comments, and an updated proposal will be presented to the Committee at their 33rd session on 6-7 April for discussion and approval. A timetable is provided below.

Committee action:

- Discuss the implications of the Ministerial for future work by the PGC and identify possible activity areas for 2007/8.

Timetable for preparation of 2007/8 programme of work	
Date	Action
December 2005	Guidelines issued on the basis of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary 2007-8 budget parameters including preliminary budget envelope assumption • Results of the 2007-8 Medium term Orientation Survey • 2007-8 strategic directions for "Global Relations" (Outreach)
February 20	Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau of the PGC (OECD headquarters, Paris) to discuss draft programme of work for 2007/8
February-March	Secretariat revises draft programme in line with country comments
April 6-7	33 rd Session of the PGC – discussion and approval of 2007/8 work programme
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary-General submits draft programme to Budget Committee • Secretary-General issues biennial budget overview paper
End-July	Based on Budget Committee recommendations, Council provides guidance on top-down priorities and confirm parameters for 2007/8 envelope
September-November	Preparation of formal draft programme of work and budget
December 2006	Council approves 2007/8 programme of work and budget

Item 5. Management in Government : Feasibility Report on the Development of Comparative Country Data

4. As part of its work programme for 2005-2006, the Public Governance Committee of the OECD called upon the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV) to assess the feasibility of developing comparable data and indicators of good government and efficient public services. A report [GOV/PGC(2005)10] sets out the key steps proposed in implementing a project under the working title "Management in Government: Comparative Country Data". It recommends a phased approach towards gathering better data on efficient government and public administration.

5. The report concludes that this is an important area in which GOV can make a distinctive and much-needed contribution, and that the costs are manageable. The suggested approach and programme of work draw on an extensive initial review of potentially relevant data available inside and outside OECD. This report seeks the views and support of OECD member countries and invites them to review and revise the proposed approach and programme of work and to note that the project timetable could be accelerated if further voluntary contributions are made available.

Committee action:

- Discuss and approve the feasibility report and provide guidance on the project “Management in Government: Comparative Country Data”.

Item 6. Bureau election guidelines

6. At its last meeting, the Committee agreed that the Bureau would draw up guidelines for the election of its Bureau members. These draft guidelines are presented in document GOV/PGC(2005)11.

Committee action:

- Approve the draft bureau election guidelines.

Item 7. Other business

Other background documents

- Calendar of meeting 2005-6 [GOV/PGC(2005)6/REV1]
- In-depth Review of the OECD Programme Implementation Reporting [GOV/PGC(2005)12]
- Detailed PIR Reports for 2004 by Output Area [GOV/PGC(2005)12/ANN1]
- Final Programme of Work and Budget 2005/6 [GOV/PGC(2005)13]