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Note to Editors

OECD MEETING ON SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS

(Paris - Cholet, 9th-11th October 1990)

- A three-day meeting on services in rural areas is to be held at the OECD's Paris headquarters and at Cholet in Western France, at the invitation of the French Government, starting on 9th October.
- Part of the OECD's programme on rural development issues, the conference will be attended by delegates from 20 OECD Member countries. Its principal aim is the exchange of views on new strategies relating to the provision of services in rural areas. Discussions will focus on two main aspects: the kinds of services residents and businesses expect, and new ways of managing services in rural areas. These questions will also be reviewed during a field tour in the Cholet area on 10th October.
- In the course of the first day, a session at the French Senate will hear a presentation of the initial conclusions reached by a Senate Committee on rural development from the Committee's chairman, former minister Jean François-Poncet.
- The OECD conference is not open to the press, but further information can be obtained from Mr. Christian Huillet, OECD, 2 rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris cedex 16 (tel. 45 24 90 78).

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