

## **EPOC DIALOGUE WITH STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS**

**Monday, 25 November 2002  
3:00 pm -6:00 pm**

**Room 2  
OECD, 2 rue André-Pascal  
75775 Paris Cedex 16 (Metro: La Muette - Line 9)**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>1.</b>	3:00 pm-3:15 pm	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>2.</b>	3:15 pm-4:15 pm <i>ENV/EPOC(2002)13</i> <i>ENV/EPOC(2002)14</i>	<b>OECD Work on Sustainable Development: Follow-up to the WSSD</b>
<b>3.</b>	4:15 pm-4:45 pm <i>ENV/EPOC(2002)17</i>	<b>Export Credits and Environment: OECD Work</b>
<b>4.</b>	4:45 pm-5:15 pm <i>ENV/EPOC(2002)18</i>	<b>Environment Communications Strategy</b>
<b>5.</b>	5:15 pm-5:45 pm	<b>Structure and Frequency of EPOC Dialogues with Stakeholders</b>
<b>6.</b>	5:45 pm-6:00 pm	<b>Concluding Comments</b>

## ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

### Item I: Welcome and Introductions

1. The Chair of the Environment Policy Committee (EPOC), *Mrs. Helena Cizkova* of the Czech Republic, will open the dialogue. A representative of each of the three groups of stakeholders will then be invited to introduce their colleagues. The Agenda has been established based on discussion topics requested by the stakeholder representatives.

### Item 2: OECD Work on Sustainable Development: Follow-Up to the WSSD

2. The OECD has a mandate for work on sustainable development through 2004, as agreed by Ministers when they met in May 2001. Following the results of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, a list of the work of the OECD that contributes to the WSSD Plan of Implementation is being established [ENV/EPOC(2002)13] and the Type II Partnership Initiatives in which OECD will participate [ENV/EPOC(2002)14].

3. *Kenneth G. Ruffing* (Acting Director, OECD Environment Directorate) will briefly outline the new developments in the OECD work on sustainable development. This will be followed by short (5-10 minute) presentations by one representative each from the three stakeholder groups (*TUAC, BIAC, NGOs*). Following the introductory statements, the discussion will be opened to all participants.

### Item 3: Export Credits and Environment: OECD Work

4. *Tom Jones* (Head of Global and Structural Policies Division, OECD Environment Directorate) will provide a brief overview of current status of the OECD work on Export Credits and Environment [ENV/EPOC(2002)17].

5. A representative from each of the three stakeholder groups (*NGOs, TUAC, BIAC*) will be invited to provide short remarks on the work of OECD on Export Credits. Following the introductory statements, the discussion will be opened to all participants.

### Item 4: Environment Communications Strategy

6. The Environment Communications Strategy outlines the activities used to communicate the messages and work of EPOC, and the work with specific partners (including stakeholders). *Helen Mountford* (Counsellor, OECD Environment Directorate) will provide a brief introduction to the Environment Communications Strategy [ENV/EPOC(2002)18].

7. A representative from each of the three stakeholder groups (*BIAC, NGOs, TUAC*) will be invited to provide short remarks on the Environment Communications Strategy. Following the introductory statements, the discussion will be opened to all participants.

### Item 5: Structure and Frequency of EPOC Dialogues with Stakeholders

8. Following the request of EPOC and Stakeholder Representatives, Stakeholder Dialogues with EPOC in 2002 have been expanded in time (from a working lunch to a half-day session) and in participation (all interested EPOC Delegates were invited, as well as EPOC Bureau). A specific theme for the main discussions – Environmentally Related Topics – was identified for the Spring 2002 Dialogue, in addition to the topics selected by Stakeholder Representatives based on the EPOC Agenda.

9. Both EPOC and Stakeholder Representatives expressed support for this new format, although some suggested that such extended format Dialogues should be conducted only when there is sufficient material for longer discussions (e.g. when specific substantial themes are on the Agenda). This Agenda Item provides an opportunity for Stakeholder Representatives and EPOC to discuss:

- the frequency of stakeholder Dialogues with EPOC;
- the format/ structure of such Dialogues (length, topics, participation); and
- possible substance themes for future Dialogues.

10. **Helen Mountford** (Counsellor, OECD Environment Directorate) will provide a brief overview of the nature of Stakeholder Dialogues with EPOC to date. A representative from each of the three stakeholder groups (**BIAC, TUAC, NGOs**) will be invited to indicate their preferences frequency, structure and possible themes of future Dialogues. Following these introductory statements, the discussion will be opened to all participants.

#### **Item 6: Concluding Comments**

11. Stakeholders will be invited to provide brief concluding comments. The Chair of EPOC will indicate how the results of this Dialogue will be reported back to the meeting of EPOC.