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EVALUATION OF THE DAC SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

This abstract note is an extract of the summary record of the OECD Council Meeting held on 17 December 2007. It contains the approved recommendations of the in-depth evaluation of the DAC and is submitted for information to the 7th meeting DAC Network on Development Evaluation, 20 – 21 February 2008.

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ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
THE COUNCIL**

a) noted document C(2007)99 and its CORR2;

b) noted the results of the In-depth Evaluation of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) presented in document C(2007)99 and its CORR2;

c) approved the following recommendations relative to the Committee, as proposed by the Evaluation Sub-group, that:

i) the DAC should conduct a strategic reflection in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders on how development assistance needs and constraints are likely to evolve over the longer term in the context of the globalisation process, and a review of its role, structure, functioning and composition in the light of opportunities and risks that are likely to arise in the future; it should report the results of this exercise to Council at the latest by the end of 2009;

ii) the DAC should strengthen its capacity for top-down direction vis-à-vis its sub-bodies by deciding their (dis)continuation at the moment of mandate expiry on the basis of the completion of their mission and an appreciation of their performance with regard to recognised evaluation criteria (i.e. relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability); it should also continue to implement its recent initiatives similarly aimed at reinforcing its capacity for top-down direction, monitor their implementation and impact on its functioning, and refine and strengthen them as necessary;

iii) the DAC should, by drawing on its experience of collaboration in the area of Aid for Trade and with the Development Centre, consider how to strengthen horizontal working with other bodies across the OECD;

iv) the DAC, in collaboration with the other bodies belonging the Development Cluster, should take steps to ensure appropriate balance in the involvement of stakeholders, including partner countries, other international organisations, private sector actors and funds, NGOs, etc., in its activities; it should also anticipate and take measures to avoid the emergence of duplication with other international organisations;

v) the DAC should conduct a consultation with users of development assistance statistics on their broad quality (i.e. including their ease of use, accessibility, etc.) and on issues of harmonisation of the different data sets available; at the same time the DAC Working Party on Statistics should continue its work to rationalise data reporting mechanisms;

vi) the DAC should, in the forthcoming evaluation of the Paris Declaration, examine the factors that are fostering awareness and use in partner countries of Output Results produced in the framework of this initiative; it should subsequently take them into account in order to promote the impact at this level of Output Results in other areas of its work;

d) invited the DAC to implement actions corresponding with the above recommendations;

e) invited the Evaluation Sub-group to monitor the follow-up of the recommendations and to submit a progress report on this matter to the Council before the end of July 2008.