

COUNCIL

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
OF THE ORGANISATION

(Adopted by the Council at its 29th Meeting
on 23rd October, 1962)

(The Swiss Delegate has now confirmed his acceptance of this
Decision, given "ad referendum")

The Council,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for
Economic Co-operation and Development of 14th December, 1960,
(hereinafter called the "Convention"), and, in particular,
Articles 1(b), 2(e), 3, 5(a), 12 and 20 of the Convention;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council adopted at
the Meeting of Ministers on 17th November, 1961, on Terms of
Reference for a Development Centre of the Organisation
/OECD/C(61)54, paragraph 11; OECD/C/M(61)7, Item 52/;

Having regard to the Financial Regulations of the Organi-
sation and, in particular, to Articles 5 and 15(b) thereof;

Having regard to the Staff Rules and Regulations and to
the Rules and Regulations on Experts and Consultants of the
Organisation and, in particular, to Regulation 2(b) thereof;

Recognising that there exists in participating countries
a great amount of knowledge and experience on the problems of
economic development and on the formulation of general economic
policies which could be adapted to countries or regions in the
process of economic development, and that this would contribute
to achieving the objectives of the Organisation set out in the
Convention by the placing of such knowledge and experience at
the disposal of the countries concerned;

DECIDES:

Article 1

There is hereby established, within the framework of the
Organisation, a Development Centre (hereinafter referred to as
the "Centre").

Article 2

The purpose of the Centre shall be to bring together the knowledge and experience available in participating countries of both economic development and of the formulation and execution of general economic policies; to adapt such knowledge and experience to the actual needs of countries or regions in the process of economic development and to place the results by appropriate means at the disposal of the countries concerned. In accomplishing this purpose, the Centre shall in particular take into account the interdependence of the political, economic, and cultural conditions existing in the countries in the process of economic development.

Article 3

The Centre shall undertake the activities appropriate to achieve its purpose as defined in Article 2 in the context of any directives issued by the Council. It may, in particular, engage in training and research, and organise conferences, symposia and other meetings. It may also help meet the needs for advisory services for institutions engaged in teaching, training, or research, or for less-developed countries at their request, subject to Council approval when such services are rendered to Governments of non-participating countries.

Article 4

The Centre should establish with other international organisations and with national institutions concerned with economic development such working relations as may be appropriate to facilitate the accomplishment of its tasks. Such working relations should in particular allow the Centre to take full advantage of the work of these organisations and institutions. In order to accomplish its purposes the Centre may also encourage, promote and assist the activities of other institutions or organisations.

Article 5

The Centre shall report each year to the Council on its activities. It shall submit, either on request by the Council or on its own initiative, other communications to the Council.

Article 6

The Centre shall have a President appointed by the Council on the proposal of the Secretary-General. On the proposal of the President, the Secretary-General may, after consulting the Council, appoint not more than five Fellows of the Centre.

Article 7

The Secretary-General, on the proposal of the President and with the approval of the Council, may name advisers who shall be consulted by the President as appropriate in the exercise of his duties. The Advisers shall be selected on the basis of their expert knowledge of problems of economic development or on the basis of the functions they may hold with other institutions or in countries in the process of economic development.

Article 8

(a) The staff of the Centre shall form part of the Secretariat of the Organisation.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations on the Experts and Consultants of the Organisation, the appointment of individuals as consultants to the Centre may be made for periods of up to three years.

Article 9

The expenditure of the Centre shall be defrayed from assets earmarked for it in Part II of the Budget of the Organisation.

Article 10

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Financial Regulations, the Council may authorise the Secretary-General to seek and accept voluntary contributions, other resources, and payment for services rendered by the Centre. The Council may also authorise the Secretary-General to commit and expend such funds for periods of more than one year.

Article 11

Participating countries shall be the Member countries and the Government of Japan, subject to special arrangements, particularly in financial matters, to be agreed upon by the Council.