



PROCEDURE FOR ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE PARIS DECLARATION ON AID EFFECTIVENESS

Background

At the High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held in Paris from 28 February to 2 March 2005, Ministers of developed and developing countries, responsible for promoting development and Heads of multilateral and bilateral development institutions, representing 90 countries and 26 multilateral organisations, resolved to take far-reaching and monitorable actions to reform the ways they deliver and manage aid. These are embodied in the "Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness" (www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/parisdeclaration).

What it means for the participants

The countries and organisations participating in the Paris Declaration agreed to 56 Partnership Commitments and 12 Indicators of Progress, and pledged to monitor and assess their progress against agreed targets set for 2010. They also recognised that commitments need to be interpreted in the light of the situation of each partner country and welcomed initiatives by partner countries and donors to establish their own targets for improved aid effectiveness within the framework of the agreed Partnership Commitments and Indicators of Progress.

The targets will involve actions by both donors and partner countries. They are designed to track and encourage progress at the global level among the countries and agencies that have agreed to the Declaration.

Procedure to endorse the Paris Declaration

A country that wishes to endorse the Declaration, should notify it in a letter addressed to Mr. Eckhard Deutscher, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD (2, Rue André-Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France). The letter should be signed in accordance with the country's internal procedures, preferably by a cabinet level Minister. The letter should express the commitment of the country to the Paris Declaration.

By return letter, the DAC Chair will acknowledge receipt of the country's letter and confirm that the country will be added to the list of "Participating Countries" in the Paris Declaration. The list of participating countries will be regularly up-dated to reflect new adhesions and will be widely communicated and accessible on the web-site:

(www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/parisdeclaration/members).