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OECD EURASIA WEEK

2015

Better Institutions, Interconnectedness and Inclusiveness for Competitiveness in Eurasia

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Through both initiatives, the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme supports the region to design and implement policies in favour of competitiveness. In particular, the Programme encourages Eurasia countries to align to OECD standards, identify policy barriers to competitiveness and support capacity building on the design and implementation of policies to improve competitiveness.

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WHAT IS OECD EURASIA WEEK?
OECD Eurasia Week builds on the increasing involvement of countries in the Eurasia region in the work of the OECD and in several OECD platforms, networks and bodies as well as on the region’s growing importance to the members of the OECD.

During the three days, the objective is to create an opportunity to further strengthen the relations between the countries of the Eurasia region and the OECD, and to raise the visibility of the enhanced co-operation on a broad spectrum of thematic issues relevant to further improving the region’s competitiveness.

OECD Eurasia Week will be held at the OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André Pascal, 75116 Paris, France.

WHO WILL BE THERE?
OECD Eurasia Week will bring together high-level representatives from the Eurasia region, OECD member countries, academics, business leaders, international partner organisations, civil society and relevant experts on the thematic issues.

BILATERAL MEETINGS
Bilateral meetings will be organised on Monday, 23 November 2015 at the OECD Conference Centre with the OECD Global Relations Secretariat. Additional bilateral meetings for high-level delegations from the Eurasia Region will be held upon request with other OECD Directorates. Delegations will be contacted by their Delegation Liaison Officer (DLO) upon registration to schedule the bilateral meetings. Please complete the reply card to register for Eurasia Week.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be provided during Eurasia Week.

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EURASIA WEEK 2015
OVERVIEW OF THE WEEK
23-26 November 2015

Better Institutions, Interconnectedness and Inclusiveness for Competitiveness in Eurasia

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NB: The OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme includes Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
Tuesday, 24 November 2015  
Time: 9.00-12.45 – CC 1

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The High-Level Policy dialogue will consist of interactive discussions between the Ministers of Eurasia countries and OECD Directors. The interactive sessions will focus on recent economic challenges in the Eurasia region, and the benefits of a “Whole-of-OECD” approach to enhance institutions, interconnectedness and inclusiveness, in order to sustain competitiveness in the region.

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### 10.45-11.45  Session 2: Strengthening Institutions for Sustainable Growth in Eurasia

*The session will explore strategies to strengthen institutions at national and regional levels to further support and enhance competitiveness and sustainable development in Eurasia.*

**Moderator**  
Ms. Oleksandra Vakulina, Euronews  
- Which are the current challenges in institutions and public service delivery affecting productivity growth in Eurasia?  
- How can institutions be strengthened to support better policy-making and enforcement?  
- How can countries successfully design diversification strategies to support sustainable development?

**Panellists**  
- H.E. Mr. Erbolat Dossaev, Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan  
- Ms. Yulia Klymenko, Deputy Minister and Chief of Staff, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine  
- H.E. Ambassador Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia  
- Mr. Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD  
- Mr. Patrick Moulette, Head of the OECD Anti-corruption Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD  
- Mr. Richard Yelland, Head of the Policy Advice and Implementation Division, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD

Open Discussion with the audience

### 11.45-12.45  Session 3: Forging the Path to Greener and more Inclusive Growth in Eurasia

*The session will discuss policies and challenges to enhance job creation, greening of the economy, and private sector development, in order to tackle inequalities and boost green and inclusive growth in Eurasia.*

**Moderator**  
Mr. Jacques Attali, Chairman of Positive Planet  
- What are the key strategies for fostering green and inclusive growth in Eurasia?  
- How can economic and environmental policies be effectively designed to tackle rising inequalities, achieve environmental objectives, and improve development?  
- How can private sector development policies help support job creation and contribute to greener and more inclusive growth?

**Panellists**  
- Ms. Irma Kavtaradze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia  
- Ms. Lilia Palii, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of Moldova  
- H.E. Ms. Lisa J. Kublicke, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Finance and Development, United States of America  
- Mr. Philippe Le Houérou, Vice President, Policy and Partnerships, EBRD  
- Mr. Richard Pomfret, Professor of Economics, University of Adelaide  
- Mr. Simon Upton, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

Open Discussion with the audience

### 12.45-13.00  Official Group Photo

### 13.00- 14.00  BUFFET LUNCH – GEORGE MARSHALL AND ROGER OCKRENT, OECD CHÂTEAU

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Time: 14.00-16.00 – CC 4

14.00-15.30 OECD EURASIA COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEES
CLOSED SESSION – UPON INVITATION ONLY

ITEM I ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WELCOMING REMARKS

14.00-14.10 Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director of OECD Global Relations, will welcome the participants and will present the Draft Agenda of the meeting

ITEM II THE PROGRAMME’S ACHIEVEMENTS, NEXT STEPS AND KEY DATES
[c.f. Room Document 1]

14.10-14.20 Mr. Antonio Somma, Head of the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, will provide an overview of the programme’s highlights for the past year including the renewal of the Mandate, the consolidation of the Peer Review process, the implementation of whole-of-OECD work, and the progress made in the implementation of the projects for the two sub-regional Initiatives (Eastern Europe and South Caucasus and Central Asia).

14.20-14.30 The Chairs of the Central Asia Initiative will comment on the presentation and will reflect on the relevance of the Programme in the CA region:

- H.E. Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Ambassador of the European Union to the OECD
- H.E. Mr. Erbolat Dossaev, Minister of National Economy, Kazakhstan

14.30-14.45 Open discussion among the members of the Steering Committees. Partner countries are invited to comment on the Programme’s impact on the region and key milestones.

14.45-14.55 The Chairs of the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus Initiative will comment on the presentation and will reflect on the relevance of the Programme in the EESC region:

- H.E. Mr. Jakub Wisniewski, Ambassador of Poland to the OECD
- H.E. Ms. Annika Markovic, Ambassador of Sweden to the OECD

14.55-15.10 Open discussion among the members of the Steering Committees. Partner countries are invited to comment on the Programme’s impact on the region and key milestones.

ITEM III OTHER BUSINESS

15.10-15.25 Steering Committee members will be updated on the governance of the Programme and will be invited to have an open discussion on the Programme’s activities.

ITEM IV CONCLUDING REMARKS

15.25-15.30 H.E. Mr. Paulo Vizeu Pinheiro, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OECD and Chair of the OECD External Relations Committee, will provide a general conclusion and will close the event:

- Highlights of the discussions
- Date and venue of next meetings

15.30-16.00 NETWORKING BREAK
Tuesday, 24 November 2015  
Time: 16.00-17.30 – CC 4 (parallel session)  

LAUNCH OF THE SME POLICY INDEX: EASTERN PARTNER COUNTRIES 2016  
ASSESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT FOR EUROPE  

Chair: Mr. Douglas Frantz, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

The OECD, the European Commission, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Training Foundation (ETF) are organising together a launch event for the SME Policy Index: Eastern Partner countries 2016. The purpose of the launch event is to present the findings of the Small Business Act for Europe Assessment and discuss key developments and remaining challenges for the business environment – particularly, for SMEs – in EaP countries.

16:00-16:20 OPENING REMARKS

- The Chair: Mr. Douglas Frantz, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- Mr. Pierre Delsaux, Deputy Director-General, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- Mr. Philippe Le Houérou, Vice President, Policy and Partnerships, EBRD
- Mr. Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, European Training Foundation

16:20-16:30 KEY FINDINGS OF THE SME POLICY INDEX: EASTERN PARTNER COUNTRIES 2016

Mr. Daniel Quadbeck, Project Manager, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme

16:30-17:00 COMMENTS FROM OECD AND THE EASTERN PARTNER COUNTRIES

High-level representatives from the six Eastern Partner countries and the OECD are invited to comment on the key findings of the report and share their views on the way forward for advancing SME policy development.

Tour de table of Eastern Partner countries (in alphabetical order):
- Ms. Gayane Gevorgyan, Deputy Head of SME Development Department, Ministry of Economy of Armenia
- Mr. Natig Heydarov, Lead Adviser, Ministry of Economy and Industry of Azerbaijan
- Ms. Irina Kostevich, Deputy Minister of Economy of Belarus
- Ms. Irina Kostevich, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- Ms. Lilia Palii, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of Moldova
- Ms. Yulia Klymenko, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

Comments from OECD countries:
- H.E. Mr. Jakub Wisniewski, Ambassador of Poland to the OECD
- H.E. Ms. Annika Markovic, Ambassador of Sweden to the OECD

17:00-17:25 DISCUSSION

Discussion of the main findings of the SME Policy Index 2016, including key developments and outstanding challenges across the six EaP countries.

17:25-17.30 CONCLUSION BY THE CHAIR

17.30-18.30 NETWORKING COCKTAIL HOSTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
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Time: 16.00-17.30 – room D (parallel session)

ENHANCING SME POLICIES IN CENTRAL ASIA

Chair: Mr. Shigeo Katsu, President of Nazarbayev University

This session aims to combine expertise and perspectives from participants in developing new approaches to SME development in Central Asia. The participants’ input will contribute to the road map for possible future OECD work on SMEs in the region.

Following presentations on recent OECD work on SMEs in Central Asia, the participants are invited to share their insights and their respective country experience on the following topics:

- How to improve the competitiveness of SMEs?
- How to improve access to finance for SMEs?

The seminar is open to all OECD Eurasia Week participants, however, registration is required.

16.00-16.15 WELCOMING REMARKS

The Chair will open the session and welcome all participants. Key introductory remarks will be made by:

- Mr. Saidrahmon Nazrizoda, First Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan
- Mr. Tuna Sahin, Vice-President, KOSGEB, Turkey
- Mr. Jonathan Potter, Principal Administrator, Centre for Entrepreneurship (CFE), OECD

16.15-16.30 HOW TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF SMES?

- Local Strategies for FDI-SME Linkage Building in Kazakhstan by Mr. Stuart Thompson, Policy Analyst, CFE, OECD
- Kazakhstan’s approach to support SME competitiveness by Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, Vice-Minister of Investments and Development, Kazakhstan

16.30-16.45 DISCUSSION

The Chair will invite participants to comment and share their country’s experience.

16.45-17.00 HOW TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR SMES?

- Improving Supply Chain Financing in Kyrgyzstan: The Case of Agriculture by Mr. Grégory Lecomte, Project Manager, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme
- Kyrgyzstan’s approach to improve access to finance for SMEs by Mr. Nurmambet Toktomatov, Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan

17.00-17.15 DISCUSSION

The Chair will invite participants to comment and share their country’s experience.

17.15-17.30 CLOSING REMARKS

- Mr. Jonathan Potter, Principal Administrator, CFE, OECD
- H.E. Mr. Abdul Satar Murad, Minister of Economy of Afghanistan

17.30-18.30 NETWORKING COCKTAIL HOSTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

GEORGE MARSHALL AND ROGER OCKRENT ROOMS, OECD CHÂTEAU
Wednesday, 25 November 2015
Time: 9.00-13.00 – CC 1 & CC 2

9.00-13.00 OECD EURASIA BUSINESS FORUM

9.00-10.45 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL: SUSTAINING THE BUSINESS CLIMATE & INVESTMENT USING THE OECD POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTMENT – CC1

Objective
The Panel will focus on how to sustain the business environment, to capture new economic opportunities and the challenges in sustaining the private sector in Eurasia. The Panellists will discuss how the updated OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) can help governments create the right conditions to attract domestic and foreign investment.

The Panel will consist of discussions between high-level policy makers of the region, the private sector, business associations and OECD Directorates. The discussions will be led by the moderator in a question and answer format.

Moderator
H.E. Mr. Okko-Pekka Salmimies, Ambassador of Finland to the OECD

Panellists
- Mr. Stephen Thomsen, Head, Investment Policy Reviews, Investment Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD
- Ms. Zaiga Liepinja, Deputy State Secretary for Economics, Latvia
- H.E. Mr. Asset Issekeshev, Minister of Investment and Development, Kazakhstan
- H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Danylyuk, Deputy Head of Presidential Administration of Ukraine
- Mr. Laziz Kudratov, Director “Uzinfoinvest” Agency, Uzbekistan
- Mr. Guy Sidos, Chairman and CEO of Vicat
- Mr. Silvère Delaunay, Vice-President CIS, Airbus Group
- Mr. Andrew Chakhoyan, Director Government Relations, VimpelCom Ltd.
- Mr. Bernard Welschke, Secretary General of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC)

10.45-11.00 NETWORKING BREAK

11.00-13.00 BUSINESS SPEED-NETWORKING SESSION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR – UPON REQUEST ONLY – CC2

Objective
The business speed-networking session will provide the opportunity for meetings between high-level policy-makers of the Eurasia region and senior business executives. These meetings aim to facilitate a quick exchange of background information and sharing what business needs each party has, and possibly lead to a new potential business relationship.

The pre-scheduled meetings are only 15 minutes long, encouraging both parties to focus on their objectives. Due to high demand, priority for pre-scheduled meetings will be given on a first come basis upon registration to Eurasia Week.

13.00-14.00 BUFFET LUNCH – GEORGE MARSHALL AND ROGER OCKRENT, OECD CHÂTEAU
Wednesday 25 November 2015  
Time: 14.00-18.30 – CC 10

14.00-18.30  OECD EURASIA COMPETITIVENESS ROUNDTABLE

The **Roundtable** was established in 2013 as a joint platform between OECD members and Eurasia partner countries to carry out peer reviews on competitiveness reform implementation.

**Working languages:** English and Russian

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**EASTERN EUROPE AND SOUTH CAUCASUS SESSION**

**ITEM I  ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

14.00-14.05  The Chairman of the Roundtable, **H.E. Mr. Pavel Rozsypal, Ambassador, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OECD** will open the meeting and present the agenda of the Roundtable.

14.05-14.10  Mr. Christos Kyriatzis, Deputy Head of Unit, International Affairs, DG GROW, European Commission will provide opening remarks.

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**ITEM II  PEER REVIEW OF UKRAINE**

**14.10-16.00  Enhancing Competitiveness in Ukraine through a Sustainable Framework for Energy Service Companies**

*Energy efficiency is a national priority for Ukraine. Energy service companies (ESCOs) could help Ukraine to improve energy efficiency by stimulating private sector development that in the long term will greatly benefit the economy. However, the market for ESCOs faces several challenges, including limited access to finance, low demand for energy services, a mismatch between demand and supply, and lack of understanding and awareness of ESCOs.*

14.10-14.20  **Opening remarks** by **H.E. Ambassador Stefan Gullgren**, Head of the Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

14.20-14.30  **Presentation** by the Secretariat

14.30-14.40  **Presentation** by the Government of Ukraine

- Mr. Sergiy Savchuk, Chairman of the State Agency for Energy Efficiency and Energy Savings of Ukraine

14.40-15.10  **Comments** by lead reviewers from Canada, Czech Republic and Germany:

- Mr. Ivan Gerginov, Energy Efficiency Financing Expert, Econoler, Canada
- Ms. Vladimira Henelova, Senior Consultant and Division Director, Enviros, Czech Republic
- Mr. Robert Schachtschneider, Personal Advisor to the Executive, German Energy Agency (DENA), Germany

15.10-15.45  **Open discussion**

- Discussant: **Mr. Peter Balas**, Head of the Support Group for Ukraine, European Union
15.45-15.55 Final comments from Ukraine
- MP Oleksandr Dombrovskyi, First Vice-chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Nuclear Policy and Nuclear Safety. Advisor to the President of Ukraine

15.55-16.00 Conclusion by the Chair and the Secretariat

16.00-16.30 COFFEE BREAK

ITEM III PEER REVIEW OF GEORGIA
16.30-18.30 Designing an SME Development Strategy for Georgia

Small and medium-sized enterprises play a significant role in Georgia’s economy. However, the country needs to develop its SME sector further, especially in view of the recently signed Association Agreement with the EU, which brings about important challenges and opportunities for Georgian SMEs. This session will discuss comprehensive policy recommendations for the design of Georgia’s “SME Development Strategy 2016-2020”, which will outline a set of reforms to create the framework conditions within which SMEs can thrive and become more competitive on international markets.

16.30-16.40 Presentation by the Secretariat

16.40-16.50 Presentation by the Government of Georgia
- Ms. Irma Kavtaradze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

16.50-17.20 Comments by lead reviewers from Italy, Estonia, Germany and Czech Republic
- Prof. Salvatore Zecchini, Italy, Chair of the OECD Working Party on SMEs
- Ms. Piret Treiberg, Head of Enterprise Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication of Estonia
- Mr. Volker Genetzky, Deputy Head of Unit, Development of Digital Technologies, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany
- Mr. Pavel Komárek, Board Member, Technology Agency of the Czech Republic

17.20-18.15 Open discussion

18.15-18.25 Final comments from the Government of Georgia

18.25-18.30 Conclusion by the Chair and the Secretariat

18.30-19.30 NETWORKING COCKTAIL - GEORGE MARSHALL AND ROGER OCKRENT, OECD Château
Thursday 26 November 2015
Time: 9.00-13.00 – CC 10

9.00-11.45 OECD EURASIA COMPETITIVENESS ROUNDTABLE – CENTRAL ASIA SESSION

ITEM V PEER REVIEWS OF KAZAKHSTAN

9.00-10.15 Enhancing Public Service Delivery for the Private Sector in Kazakhstan

Better government services for the private sector can improve Kazakhstan’s competitiveness. Kazakhstan has made great strides recently to improve its business climate and public service delivery. Nevertheless, interactions between the government and businesses could still be improved to enhance competitiveness and boost private sector development. The experience of OECD member countries (e.g. France and the United Kingdom) shows that implementing a Life Event Strategy (LES) can significantly improve the public administration’s performance in servicing the private sector.

9.00-9.10 Presentation by the Secretariat

9.10-9.20 Presentation by the Government of Kazakhstan

- Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, Vice-Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan

9.20-9.40 Comments by lead reviewers from France and the UK:

- Ms. Clara Sorin, Project Manager, "Tell Us Once" initiative, Office of the Prime Minister of France
- Mr. Andy Carroll, Expert, "Tell Us Once" initiative, United Kingdom

9.40-10.00 Open discussion

10.00-10.10 Final comments from the Government of Kazakhstan

10.10-10.15 Conclusion by the Chair and the Secretariat

10.15-11.30 Strengthening Kazakhstan’s Skills in Petrochemistry and Chemistry through Occupational Standards

Kazakhstan has potential for developing its petrochemical and chemical industry in view of its natural resources, proximity to markets and growing internal and external demand. Vocational education and training is essential for building up the petrochemical and chemical industry, a sector which requires complex industrial processes, equipment and working methods, and highly specialised technicians.

10.15-10.25 Presentation by the Secretariat

10.25-10.35 Presentation by the Government of Kazakhstan:

- Ms. Aida Kurmangaliyeva, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development

10.35-10.55 Comments by lead reviewers from Ireland and France:

- Mr. Kieran Quill, Senior Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), and Consultant to UK Sector Skills Council for Science Industries "Cogent Skills"
- Ms. Brigitte Trocmé, Head of Office for Professional Diplomas, Ministry of National Education, Tertiary Education and Research, France
10.55-11.15  Open discussion
11.15-11.25  Final comments from the Government of Kazakhstan
11.25-11.30  Conclusion by the Chair and the Secretariat

11.30-11.45  CLOSING REMARKS OF THE ROUNDTABLE

Closing remarks by:
- Mr. Jobst Von Kirchmann, Head of Unit DEVCO H2, Development Coordination Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific, DG International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- The Chair, H.E. Mr. Pavel Rozsypal, Ambassador, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OECD

11.45-12.45  THEMATIC SESSION: MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN EURASIA

Following the fall of the Soviet Union, Eurasia has registered massive and persistent migration flows, not only within, but also from and to the region. Six of the world’s top 20 migration corridors in 2010 thus involved a country in the region. While these flows have consequences for the demographic and skills composition of societies of origin and destination, and hence their competitiveness, public policies can influence the way migration affects national development. This session seeks to shed a light on the link between migration and development in Eurasia from three different perspectives.

Chair: H.E. Ms. Annika Markovic, Ambassador of Sweden to the OECD

- Ms. Theodora Xenogiani, International Migration Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD, is going to present insights on the Eurasian diaspora from their newest report on Connecting with emigrants – A global profile of diasporas 2015.
- Mr. Jason Gagnon, Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre, will present an overview of the Development Centre’s ongoing analytical work on migration in Eurasia, in particular in four partner countries: Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova.
- Ms. Lali Gogoberidze, Head of Economic Analysis and Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia, will share the experience of Georgia in integrating migration into national development planning.

Open discussion

12.45-13.00  CLOSING OF EURASIA WEEK 2015

- Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director, OECD Global Relations Secretariat
- H.E. Mr. Paulo Vizeu Pinheiro, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OECD, Chair of the OECD External Relations Committee

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