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**DECLARATION CONJOINTE SUR LES PRIORITES DE LA COOPERATION ENTRE L'OCDE ET  
LA BANQUE MONDIALE  
JOINT STATEMENT ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE OECD AND THE WORLD BANK**

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## **A New Partnership Agreement**

1. The attached Joint Statement on Co-operation between the OECD and the World Bank, was signed by the Secretary-General and the President of the World Bank, Mr Paul Wolfowitz, at Davos on 28 January 2006. It is distributed to Delegates for their information.

2. This Statement cancels and replaces the Joint Statement between the OECD and the Bank of 30 May 2000. It provides a framework for a strategic partnership, the substantive priorities of which will be determined periodically by the contact points at the Bank and the OECD, in accordance with both organisations' work programmes.

3. Since the 2000 Joint Statement was signed, the OECD's co-operation with the World Bank has proliferated and become well-established in many areas of our work programme, notably those mentioned in article 8. One of the important spin-offs of the Joint Statement has been the Bank's financial support for the Global Forums, particularly meant to facilitate the involvement of developing countries in the Forums. The new Joint Statement includes a commitment by the Bank to continue such funding in the future.

## **Principal Elements**

4. The principal elements of the Joint Statement are:

- A definition of the strategic objectives of the co-operation (art. 7).
- Formal support to co-operation in areas where it is already well-established (art. 8).
- Identification of the areas in which co-operation should be launched, enhanced or established (art. 9).
- Identification of the means of co-operation (art. 10-13).
- Establishment of a mechanism to review the co-operative work programme (art. 14-15).

5. The implementation of this Joint Statement, which is not legally binding, is subject to the normal rules and decision-making procedures of both organisations, including on their programmes of work and budget.

6. The section on "means of co-operation" mentions some of the approaches which this agreement is meant to promote:

- Enhanced co-operation along the lines suggested in the Secretary-General's note on OECD Challenges and Strategic Objectives [C(2005)137, par. 14-21] (art. 11).
- An undertaking to negotiate a framework agreement on administrative and financial modalities (art. 12).
- An undertaking by the OECD to invite non-Members to its Global Forums and other relevant events, together with a commitment by the Bank to facilitate such participation, including by providing funding for this purpose (art. 13).

**The OECD's Partnership Agreements with other International Organisations**

7. Over the past few years, the OECD has concluded Partnership agreements with other international organisations. These *(i)* help to carry the OECD's institutional and policy know-how to non-Members, *(ii)* improve the OECD's insight into other organisations' work and experience, *(iii)* help to avoid duplication of work and hence *(iv)* to ensure an efficient use of scarce resources.

8. Other agreements have been signed with UNCTAD (2002), the Inter-American Development Bank (2003), the Asian Development Bank (March 2005) and the WHO (November 2005).

9. As requested by the Council [C/M(2000)8], the CCNM reports to Council, via the CCN, on progress achieved in developing and implementing partnerships. The implementation of the 2000 Joint Statement with the World Bank and its 2006 successor will be discussed in the CCNM's next periodic report, which the CCN and Council will receive in the course of this year.

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## **Un nouvel accord de partenariat**

1. La Déclaration conjointe ci-jointe sur les priorités de la coopération entre l'OCDE et la Banque mondiale a été signée par le Secrétaire général de l'Organisation et le Président de la Banque mondiale, M. Paul Wolfowitz, à Davos le 28 janvier 2006. Elle est transmise aux délégués pour information.

2. Cette Déclaration annule et remplace la Déclaration conjointe en date du 30 mai 2000. Elle définit le cadre d'un partenariat stratégique dont les priorités, sur le fond, seront déterminées à intervalles réguliers par les correspondants pour la Banque et l'OCDE, en fonction des programmes de travail des deux organisations.

3. Depuis la signature de la Déclaration conjointe de 2000, la coopération avec la Banque mondiale s'est intensifiée et systématisée dans nombre des domaines couverts par le programme de travail de l'OCDE, notamment ceux mentionnés dans l'article 8. En vertu de cette Déclaration, et c'est un point important, les Forums mondiaux ont bénéficié d'un soutien financier de la Banque, spécifiquement destiné à faciliter la participation des pays en développement à ces instances. Dans la nouvelle Déclaration conjointe, la Banque s'engage à continuer d'apporter un concours financier pour les Forums mondiaux.

## **Principaux éléments**

4. La Déclaration conjointe vise principalement à :

- Définir les objectifs stratégiques de la coopération (article 7).
- Officialiser la coopération dans les domaines où elle est déjà bien établie (article 8).
- Recenser les domaines où une coopération devrait être entamée, ou dans lesquels la collaboration devrait être renforcée ou systématisée (article 9).
- Exposer les moyens de coopération (articles 10 à 13).
- Etablir un mécanisme d'examen du programme des travaux conduits en coopération (articles 14 et 15).

5. La mise en œuvre de la Déclaration conjointe, qui n'a pas force obligatoire, est assujettie aux règles et procédures de décision normales en vigueur dans les deux organisations, y compris concernant leur programme de travail et budget.

6. Dans la section relative aux « moyens de la coopération », sont énumérées quelques unes des approches que l'accord est censé promouvoir :

- Une coopération renforcée selon les axes suggérés dans la note du Secrétaire général sur les enjeux et objectifs stratégiques de l'OCDE [C(2005)137, paragraphes 14 à 21] (article 11).
- La négociation librement consentie d'un accord-cadre sur les modalités administratives et financières (article 12).
- L'engagement, de la part de l'OCDE, d'inviter les non-Membres à participer à ses Forums mondiaux et à d'autres manifestations pertinentes, et en parallèle celui de la Banque mondiale de faciliter cette participation, y compris par l'apport de concours financiers (article 13).

## **Les accords de partenariat entre l'OCDE et d'autres organisations internationales**

7. Ces dernières années, l'OCDE a conclu des accords de partenariat avec d'autres organisations internationales. Cette collaboration contribue à (i) faciliter l'accès des non-Membres au savoir-faire de

l'OCDE dans le domaine institutionnel et pour ce qui est de l'orientation de l'action gouvernementale, (ii) améliorer la connaissance, au sein de l'Organisation, des travaux réalisés et du savoir accumulé par ces autres institutions, (iii) éviter les doubles emplois et donc (iv) assurer une utilisation efficace de ressources limitées.

8. Des accords de ce type ont été signés avec la CNUCED (2002), la Banque interaméricaine de développement (2003), la Banque asiatique de développement (mars 2005) et l'OMS (novembre 2005).

9. Comme l'a demandé le Conseil [C/M(2000)8], le CCNM lui rend compte, via le CCN, des progrès réalisés dans l'élaboration et la mise en œuvre des partenariats. La mise en œuvre de la Déclaration conjointe avec la Banque mondiale de 2000 et de celle qui l'a remplacée en 2006 sera examinée dans le prochain rapport périodique du CCNM, qui sera remis au CCN et au Conseil dans le courant de l'année.



**Joint Statement on Cooperation**  
**between**  
**The World Bank**  
**and**  
**The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**



## I. Preamble

1. The OECD and the World Bank share objectives of fostering sustainable development, reducing poverty, promoting beneficial trade and international investment, and ensuring responsible and transparent governance. Our Organizations have acknowledged these shared objectives and the synergies that derive from the complementarity of their respective memberships and comparative strengths:

- The OECD has developed policy know-how, standards and guidelines, based on its Member countries' experiences and its policy dialogue with non-OECD Members, which can be of great benefit to Bank clients. The OECD's peer review mechanism, its Committee structure are recognized strengths;
- The World Bank undertakes extensive policy analysis and recommendations combined with in-country policy applications in non-OECD Members and is able to combine intellectual and financial support to its borrowers, engage in capacity building and help interpret their wider interests in the global debate.

2. Toward this end, a Joint Statement of Priorities for OECD-World Bank Cooperation was signed on 30 May 2000. The 2000 agreement has helped our respective Organizations to share our institutional and policy knowledge, to improve our mutual insight into each other's work and experience, to avoid duplication of work and hence to ensure an efficient use of our scarce resources. Collaboration between our Organizations has intensified in a large number of substantive areas.

3. We reaffirm our commitment to sustain this process and to enhance it when and where possible. Through this Joint Statement on OECD-World Bank Cooperation, we commit our respective Organizations to continue and reinforce the Partnership we launched in May 2000. This Joint Statement builds on the achievements made under our 2000 Joint Statement of Priorities, which it replaces. It serves the following purposes:

- To define the strategic objectives of our cooperation;
- To help sustain this cooperation in areas where it is mature;
- To define priority areas where cooperation should be launched, enhanced or expanded;
- To identify appropriate means of cooperation;
- To establish a mechanism for reviewing performance under this Joint Statement and for revising the priorities of our cooperation.



## **II. Achievements since 2000**

4. Our 2000 Joint Statement renewed the commitment of our Organizations to cooperate closely in several areas of great mutual interest. In addition to these specified areas, we pledged to seek opportunities to develop further our cooperation in areas where it was not yet well established, or where it could be enhanced or expanded. We also reaffirmed our attachment to further cooperative work on Russia. We are pleased to observe that our cooperation has evolved rapidly in many of these areas, mentioned in the Protocol attached to this Joint Statement, and that, in addition to Russia, it has expanded into other countries and regions, including the Middle East, Africa and China.

5. We also note with satisfaction that our Organizations have developed an active cooperation in the context of the OECD Global Forums, with a view to strengthening the development dimension of these Forums. This has promoted the dialogue between industrialized and developing countries and supported the dissemination of OECD experience to non-Members.

6. We undertake to enhance our efforts to expand our knowledge networks by electronic information sharing, joint staff missions, staff exchanges and participation in management and technical development programs. We will seek to ensure that our cooperation achieves high efficiency and effectiveness, while minimizing the burden on staff.

## **III. A Strategic Partnership**

### **A. Strategic Objectives**

7. Our cooperation is aimed at the following strategic objectives:
- To share more broadly the institutional knowledge and policy insights of, respectively, the OECD on the experiences of its Member countries, and the World Bank on those of developing countries;
  - To help ensure that the needs and experiences of developing countries are effectively taken account of in the development and implementation of the OECD's standards, guidelines and best practices;
  - To promote the global dissemination of the standards, guidelines and best practices thus developed and their adaptation and internalization/adoption by non-OECD Members;
  - To share the policy experiences of OECD countries in newly relevant areas with non-OECD countries; and
  - To share, rather than duplicate our work, thus achieving an efficient use of our scarce resources.





**B. Areas for Cooperation**

8. We note that especially over the past five years our cooperation has matured and become well established in a number of areas, including trade, corporate governance, debt management, pensions and taxation. We also underline our extensive cooperation in the field of development assistance, where the World Bank has been a Permanent Observer in the Development Assistance Committee since its foundation. Collaboration in this field has intensified recently, in particular in the context of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the monitoring of scaled-up aid. The cooperation in each of these areas requires minimal central oversight and reporting, except in the context of financial support provided by the Bank to the OECD. However, we will include these activities in the periodical reviews of our cooperation, with a view to ensuring that they remain compatible with our strategic objectives.

9. We will endeavor to enhance our cooperation, or take new joint initiatives, in the following other areas:

- agriculture;
- anti-corruption;
- competition;
- education;
- environmental sustainability/climate change;
- governance;
- health;
- insurance;
- investment;
- labor and employment;
- lagging regions (territorial development);
- migration;
- statistics to support evidence-based policies;
- technology and innovation.

Where appropriate, specific attention will be paid to gender-related aspects.



**C. Means of Cooperation**

10. Our Organizations will aim to achieve our common strategic objectives by various means, including:

- Joint missions and work programs;
- Joint publications;
- Joint sponsorships of conferences, seminars and workshops;
- Where appropriate by seeking partnership agreements and arrangements with other organizations.

11. Furthermore, we undertake to launch more comprehensive and long-term cooperation in areas where our Organizations have strong complementarities. We will initially experiment in one or two areas, and then expand to other areas if our Organizations deem the outcome successful enough to warrant this. This form of cooperation will include the following elements:

- Integrated programs of work and budget;
- The creation of joint expert groups;
- Staff exchanges if and when appropriate; and
- Jointly organized and funded fora and events.

12. Our Organizations will negotiate a framework agreement to establish the practical, administrative and financial modalities of our cooperation with a view to maximize mutual benefits, to allow for quick responses to changing needs and priorities, and to facilitate the use of the various means of cooperation, including in the area of information and communications technology.

13. Our Organizations undertake to do what is necessary to make the developing countries' voice heard in the design and implementation of OECD standards, guidelines and best practices. Thereto:

- The OECD will continue to invite participants from relevant non-OECD economies to its Global Forums and other events in the framework of its programme of cooperation with non-Members;
- The World Bank will promote and facilitate the active involvement of participants from developing countries in these events, including by making financial resources available to this end.



#### IV. Planning and Review Mechanism

14. OECD and the Bank will consult each other in the context of the establishment of our programs of work with the purpose of achieving optimum synergy in the areas of mutual interest. Thereto, they will, on a biennial basis, identify areas where cooperation could be launched or enhanced, and determine the expected outcomes and output results to be included in their proposed programs of work. They will monitor their ongoing joint work to ensure its continued relevance in view of their strategic objectives and update the priority areas for cooperation as necessary.

15. Both Organizations will also periodically review progress in the implementation of this Joint Statement and make the changes they deem necessary.

#### V. Miscellaneous Articles

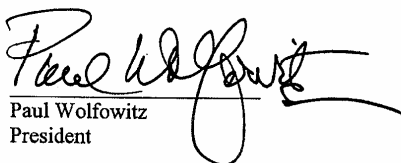
16. The designated contact point at the OECD will be the Deputy Secretary-General responsible for Partnerships with other International Organizations, who will be assisted by the Centre for Cooperation with Non-Members, and by other Directorates as appropriate. The designated contact point at the World Bank will be the Vice-President responsible for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM). Individual activity coordinators in the Organizations in charge of specific work areas will remain directly responsible for achieving the agreed output results in these areas.

17. The implementation of this Joint Statement, which is not legally binding, is subject to the normal rules and decision-making procedures applicable to each of the Organizations.

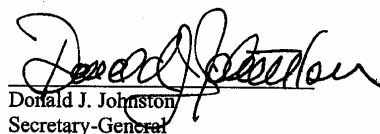
18. Either Organization can terminate this Joint Statement by providing three months written notice to the other Organization to this effect.

Signed at Davos, 28 January 2006

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