ADMINISTRATOR (GRADE A2/A3), SECTION ON EAST/WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN AGRICULTURE, DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Programme of Technical Assistance to the Authorities in the Republics of the ex-Soviet Union

Closing date for applications: 13 April 1992

Duties:

Under the general guidance of the Director and Deputy Director for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, and under the supervision of the Head of Section on East/West Economic Relations in Agriculture, the post-holder will be required to:

1. Monitor and analyse developments in the agriculture and food sectors of the central and eastern European countries and the former Soviet Union. In this context:

   -- analyse agricultural policy developments in these countries for their relevance to agricultural production, food consumption and agricultural trade, as well as for their possible impacts on international trade relations, in particular with OECD countries;
-- contribute to, and provide guidance for, the work of an international expert group on east/west economic relations in agriculture;

-- contribute to work evaluating assistance requirements for these countries;

-- pay special attention to the economic relations amongst these countries, especially the agro-food situation in the Republics of the former Soviet Union;

-- draft sector and country analysis papers for submission to the Committee for Agriculture and its various working parties.

2. Assist in developing, co-ordinating and carrying through a programme of technical assistance to, and co-operation with these countries, in particular in the field of agricultural policy formulation and its evaluation. In this respect, contribute to:

-- the organisation of workshops and seminars in, and for, these countries in co-operation with experts and consultants from OECD Member countries and other international organisations;

-- the supervision of consultants’ work;

-- co-operation within the Directorate for Agriculture and with other parts of the Organisation, notably the Centre for Co-operation with European Economies in Transition.

3. Liaise with the relevant research and government institutions in OECD Member countries and central and east European countries as well as with other international organisations and other parts of the OECD, on the subject area.

Principal qualifications:

1. Advanced degree in agricultural economics and/or general economics or related academic qualification.

2. Proven experience in agricultural policy market and trade analysis on both the national and international levels.
3. Long-standing experience in analytical work on the central and east European countries and specific knowledge of their agro-food sectors.

4. Ability to synthesise, and report on, complex discussions and to work with experts of all levels in national and international administrations, professional organisations and research institutions.

5. Excellent command of, and drafting ability in, one of the two official languages of the Organisation (English and French) and good knowledge of the other. Knowledge of an east European language, preferably Russian, would be a considerable advantage.

6. Familiarity with office information and word-processing systems would also be an advantage.