RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE NEW NAME AND MANDATE OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

(adopted by the Council at its 996th Session on 25 January 2001 [C/M(2001)2])
THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960,

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council C(70)133(Final) of 29 September 1970 concerning the Activities of the Organisation in the Fields of Industry and Energy and amending the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation, as amended by the Resolution of the Council C(73)235(Final) of 4 December 1973,


Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation,

DECIDES:

1. In order to pursue its activities in the field of industry, the Organisation shall have at its disposal a Committee on Industry and Business Environment (CIBE).

2. a) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall have overall responsibility for the Organisation’s work in the field of industry. Through sector- and firm-level analyses, it will complement macro-level analyses done by other bodies of the Organisation. Where appropriate, the Committee shall discuss the industrial aspects of questions dealt with by other bodies of the Organisation, take into consideration the results of their work and undertake joint projects.

2. b) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall study and discuss issues and other matters in the field of industry which require co-operation and consultation among Member Governments in a manner which encourages high-level dialogue and publication of analytical work. To this end, the Committee shall examine major developments and trends in industry, the industrial policies of Member Governments, and problems of industrial adaptation. The scope of the Committee’s work will include micro-level analysis of industry, sectors and firms including manufacturing and services sectors, large firms and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and at national and global levels. A main area for analysis will be improving the business environment to foster entrepreneurship, investment, innovation and growth in knowledge-based economies. This will include assessment of the contributions of new forms of work organisation and flexible enterprises to industrial competitiveness. The work of the Committee will have three main dimensions:

- Economic analysis and theme reviews focusing on improving the business environment and the conditions for industrial competitiveness;

- Policy analysis to identify the implications for public policy and best policy practices in Member countries; and

- Active involvement and links to the horizontal programmes of the Organisation.

2. c) The Committee on Industry and Business Environment shall propose to the Council, wherever possible, conclusions which could be brought to the attention of Member countries, or decisions or recommendations which might be adopted. The Committee will organise Business and Industry Policy Forums to explore timely issues with the private sector and to develop policy recommendations. The
Committee will also consult, as appropriate, with representatives of business, trade unions and public interest groups.

3. Where possible, Member Governments shall appoint to the Committee on Industry and Business Environment high-ranking officials concerned with co-ordination of policies in the fields of industry in their own countries.

4. For the purpose of its activities in the fields of industry, the Organisation shall periodically collect all relevant statistics and other information; in principle, these data will be assembled by the Secretariat and published on the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

5. The terms of reference of the Committee on Industry and Business Environment will remain in force for a period of five years, unless the Council decides otherwise.

6. The Resolutions of 29 September 1970 and 4 December 1973 are hereby repealed.

7. Paragraph 22 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure shall be amended as follows: