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AUTHORISATION TO COMMIT EXPENDITURE AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY PERIOD 2009 AND TO COLLECT THE CORRESPONDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER INCOME FOR THE PART II PROGRAMME: FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF)

(Note by the Secretary-General)
1. At the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary meeting on 15 October 2008, FATF delegates did not approve the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for 2009. Instead, they decided to wait to approve the 2009 budget prior to or at the next Plenary meeting in February 2009. The reason given was that they required further clarification, details and options concerning the magnitude of the proposed OECD cost increases for 2009.

2. As stated in the Financial Regulations of the Organisation (article 8 §4), if it has not been possible to approve the Budget before the first day of the financial period, the Council may authorise the Secretary-General to commit expenditure and to make payments in respect of each quarterly period not exceeding one-fourth of the appropriations under each Title and Chapter in the Budget for the preceding financial period, and to collect the corresponding contributions and other income.


4. The structure of the Titles and Chapters will be modified as of 1 January 2009 as a result of the budget reform. As of this date, budgets will be accepted at the Output Group and fund level.

5. In the light of the preceding, and having regard to Articles 5 a) and 20 of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960, and to the Financial Regulations of the Organisation, in particular Regulation 8 §4, the Secretary-General invites the Council to adopt the following draft conclusions:

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a) noted document C(2008)140/REV1;

b) authorised a total appropriation of EUR 645 800 in favour of the Secretary-General to meet the expenditure of 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009 for the budget of the Part II Programme the Financial Action Task Force (Part II, Fund 43); this appropriation corresponds to one fourth of the 2008 appropriations;

c) authorised the Secretary-General to collect the contributions corresponding to the period from 1 January to 31 March 2009 of the financial year 2009 on the basis of one-fourth of the contributions called up in 2008.