Council

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1184th SESSION

held at the Château de la Muette, Paris,
on Thursday, 13 November 2008.
275. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the remarks by the Chair recalling that Item 10 xii) is still being under consideration by the Budget Committee and is consequently withdrawn from the list of “a” points of the draft agenda C/A(2008)20/PROV;

b) adopted the draft Agenda for its 1184th session [C/A(2008)20/PROV], as amended.

276. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1183rd SESSION

THE COUNCIL

approved the Summary Record of its 1183rd session [C/M(2008)19/PROV].

277. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT OF POLAND, MR. MACIEJ NOWICKI, RELATED TO THE 14th COP IN POZNAN OF 1-12 DECEMBER 2008

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the address by Mr. Nowicki, Minister of Environment of Poland (see also PowerPoint presentation posted on the EDG);

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Chair.

278. ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the report by the Secretary-General;

b) noted the comments by the European Commission.

279. OECD ACTION PLAN ON THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS*

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)191 and the introductory remarks by the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General Padoan;

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Chair, including that the Action Plan will be revised in time for the ECSS meeting of 24 November [see C(2008)191/REV1];

* The discussion on this issue was immediately followed by a one-hour informal meeting of Members of the Council at which TUAC informed Ambassadors of its views on the financial turmoil [for reference: CES(2008)27].
c) agreed to return to the Action Plan at its 4 December session, notably in the light of further comments received from Delegations on the EDG and the ECSS discussions.

280. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (see also PowerPoint presentation and background document on the CFA posted on the EDG);

b) noted the comments and questions from the Permanent Representative of Canada as the lead participant, from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Secretariat.

281. DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIR OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentation by the Chair of the Trade Committee (see also PowerPoint presentation posted on the EDG);

b) noted the comments and questions from the Permanent Representative of Norway, as the lead participant, from other Members of the Council, and the responses by the Chair of the Trade Committee and the Secretariat.

282. PROGRAMME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ADULT COMPETENCIES: REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the oral report by the Secretariat (see PowerPoint presentation posted on the EDG and for reference see also, 2008 PIAAC brochure, available in session and on the EDG);

b) noted the comments by Members of the Council and the Secretariat.

283. PREPARATION OF THE 2009 COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, INCLUDING DATE AND CHAIRMANSHIP

THE COUNCIL

a) noted the proposals by the Secretary-General;

b) noted that the meeting of the Council at Ministerial level will take place on 1-2 July 2009;
c) noted also that consultations are continuing with Australia regarding the chairmanship of the meeting and the invitation to the Prime Minister to chair it.

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ITEMS 284-294 APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE (“A” POINTS)

284. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER POLICY: SECOND ROUND MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)102;

b) noted the response by the Committee on Consumer Policy to the evaluation recommendations;

c) agreed to examine the consequences of the full implementation of the recommendations at the time of the next In-depth Evaluation of the Committee on Consumer Policy.

285. REVISION OF THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)147;

b) adopted the draft Resolution concerning the mandate of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs as set out in the Annex to document C(2008)147.

286. REVISION OF THE MANDATE OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)169;

b) adopted the draft Resolution concerning the mandate of the Investment Committee as set out in the Annex to document C(2008)169.

287. REVISION OF THE MANDATE OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)177;
b) adopted the draft Resolution concerning the mandate of the Trade Committee as set out in the Annex to document C(2008)177.

288. EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE HOSTING BY THE OECD OF THE AFRICA PARTNERSHIP FORUM SUPPORT UNIT

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)146 and its CORR1;

b) authorised the Secretary-General to sign, on behalf of the OECD, an extension to 30 June 2010, of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Hosting by the OECD of the Support Unit of the Africa Partnership Forum (APF);

c) agreed to review the Support Unit in consultation with the APF, as the basis of any mutual agreement to extend the MOU beyond 30 June 2010.

289. OECD SITE PROJECT: 2008 BUDGET – THIRD QUARTER REPORT

THE COUNCIL


290. MOROCCO: INVITATION TO ADHERE TO THE OECD DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN RELATED WORK OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)167;

b) agreed to invite Morocco, subject to a full review of its investment policy by the Investment Committee, to adhere to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises [C(76)99/FINAL] as amended on 27 June 2000 [see C/M(2000)17] and to participate in related work of the Investment Committee.

291. RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE NEPAD-OECD AFRICA INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)168;

b) agreed to extend the mandate of the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative until the end of 2011;

c) noted that the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative is presented in the Organisation’s Programme of Work and Budget for 2009-2010;
d) encouraged Member countries to provide additional resources to ensure an effective implementation of the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative;

e) invited the Secretariat to report regularly to Council, via the ERC, on the implementation of this Initiative.

292. **INDONESIA: FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)176;

b) agreed, in conformity with the provisions of Council Resolution C(2004)132/FINAL, to invite Indonesia to become a full participant in the Development Centre.

293. **PWB 2008: NEW OUTPUT PROPOSAL - IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION (MEXICO)**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)171;


294. **REVISION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA CLUB FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008**

THE COUNCIL

a) noted document C(2008)178;

b) approves the estimated contributions for the 2008 Budget of the Organisation, Title I, Part II, Chapter 32 – Sahel and West Africa Club – as follows:

   Chapter 32 Sahel and West Africa Club
   Item 1 Contributions for the financing of the Sahel and West Africa Club EUR 2,166,172;

   Chapter 32 Sahel and West Africa Club
   Expenditures for the Sahel and West Africa Club EUR 2,166,172.

295. **DECLASSIFICATION OF ACCESSION REPORTS**
THE COUNCIL

a) noted the presentation by the Secretariat of document C(2008)197;

b) noted the comments by Turkey;

c) noted document C(2008)197 which states that certain accession reports may be declassified by committees and published before the decision of Council on the accession of the candidate country, if the conditions set out in C(2008)197 are fulfilled.

296. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COUNCIL

i) Preparations for the 24-25 November ECSS

a) noted the draft Annotations to the ECSS Agenda set out in Room Document No. 1;

b) noted the announcement by the Secretary-General that immediately after the end of the first day’s session on 24 November, there will be a ceremony in the entrance hall of the Conference Centre, at which a plaque commemorating the visit of President George W. Bush to the OECD in June 2008 will be unveiled;

c) noted the comments by Members of the Council;

d) noted that the ECSS agenda will be finalised, in the light of the comments, as ECSS/A(2008)2/REV1/PROV;

ii) Next session

e) agreed to hold its next session on Thursday, 4 December 2008, and noted the provisional draft agenda distributed in session.
ANNEX

PRESENT

M./Mr. Gurría
M./Mr. Röben
Mme/Ms. Grzondziel
M./Mr. Langman
M./Mr. Wiblin
M./Mr. Petritsch
Mme/Ms. Fasching
M./Mr. Hoornaert
M./Mr. Lenaerts
M./Mr. Lapointe
M./Mr. Chatterson
M./Mr. Kim
M./Mr. Park
M./Mr. Knudsen
Mme/Ms. Narbona
M./Mr. Egan
M./Mr. Majanen
M./Mr. Salmimies
Mme/Ms. Heinonen
M./Mr. Auvinen
M./Mr. Marland
M./Mr. Sturm
M./Mr. Tatsos
M./Mr. Zaralis
M./Mr. Gottfried
M./Mr. Simon
M./Mr. Murray
M./Mr. Olrich
M./Mr. Armellini
M./Mr. Lambertini
M./Mr. Hattori
M./Mr. Yagi
M./Mr. Santer
Mme/Ms. Cardoso
M./Mr. Garcia-Lopez
M./Mr. Figueroa
M./Mr. Neple
Mme/Ms. Dennis
M./Mr. Boer
M./Mr. Taouati
M./Mr. Woroniecki
M./Mr. Derwich
M./Mr. Frac
Mme/Ms. Pawlowska
M./Mr. Ferro Rodrigues
M./Mr. Caldeirinha
Mme/Ms. Kotova
Mme/Ms. Füle

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Portugal
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République slovaque/Slovak Republic
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M./Mr. Dyba République tchèque/Czech Republic
M./Mr. Tesar "
M./Mr. Martin Royaume-Uni/United Kingdom
M./Mr. Ringborg Suède/Sweden
Mme/Ms. Sundström "
M./Mr. Martin Suisse/Switzerland
M./Mr. Erozan Turquie/Turkey

Mme/Ms. Argimon-Pistre Commission européenne/European Commission
M./Mr. Pierros "

M./Mr. Nowicki (Item 277) Ministre de l’environnement de la Pologne/Minister of Environment of Poland
M./Mr. Ciocca (Item 280) Président du Comité des Affaires fiscales/Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs
M./Mr. Suzuki (Item 281) Président du Comité des échanges/Chair of the Trade Committee

M./Mr. de Geus Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
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M./Mr. Padoan Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
M./Mr. Amano Secrétaire général adjoint/Deputy Secretary-General
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