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WORKSHOP ON THE SITUATION IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY IN THE NIS

PROPOSALS ON RUSSIA - EU CO-OPERATION

Note by the Government of the Russian Federation

The Workshop will be held in Paris on 2-3 November 1999.

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Nowadays Russia - OECD co-operation is executed by the exchange of information in the context of sessions held twice a year by the OECD Steel Committee in May and November. Other forms and programs of co-operation are not established yet.

To our mind, actual problems to be included into the program of Russia-OECD co-operation are as follows: the exchange of information on production, consumption and trade in ferrous metals, metal products pricing, marketing and optimisation of the trade assortment of ferrous metals, restructuring and capacity utilisation, environmental protection, financing social problems, diversification, employment.

We consider it priority and expedient to examine problems of the environmental protection and social restructuring within the context of the OECD Steel Committee sessions or at a special seminar.