COUNCIL

Executive Committee

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 819th SESSION

held at the Château de la Muette, Paris,
on Tuesday, 7 October 2008.

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168. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

THE COMMITTEE

noted the introductory remarks by the Chair, and adopted the draft agenda of its 819th session [CE/A(2008)29/PROV].

169. **APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 818th SESSION**

THE COMMITTEE

approved the Summary Record of its 818th session [CE/M(2008)28/PROV].

170. **IN-DEPTH EVALUATION**

THE COMMITTEE

i) **Committee for Agriculture**

   a) noted document C(2008)82 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee and the Secretariat;

   b) noted the statements by the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia (see Annex I) and the comments by other Delegations, by the Secretariat and by the Chair;

   c) agreed to transmit document C(2008)82 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 49 therein;

   ii) **Co-operative Research Programme: Biological Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Systems**

   d) noted document C(2008)96 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee and the Secretariat;

   e) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;

   f) agreed to transmit document C(2008)96 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 48 therein;

   iii) **Agricultural Codes and Schemes for International Trade**

   g) noted document C(2008)95 and the introductory remarks by the Chair of the Evaluation Committee and the Secretariat;

   h) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;
i) agreed, in the light of the discussion, to the deletion of Recommendation No. 2 in the draft conclusions of paragraph 31 [see C(2008)95/CORR1];

j) agreed to transmit document C(2008)95 and its CORR1 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 31 of C(2008)95 and its CORR1.

171. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE TO APPROVE THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS IN ANNEXES TO THE CODES AND SCHEMES

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)120 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;

c) agreed to transmit document C(2008)120 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 8 therein.

172. DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION REVISING THE OECD STANDARD CODES FOR THE OFFICIAL TESTING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY TRACTORS

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)128 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) agreed to transmit document C(2008)128 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 4 of C(2008)128.

173. PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE STATISTICS COMMITTEE (CSTAT)

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)126 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;

c) agreed, in the light of the discussion, to amend Annex I of C(2008)126 to merge Articles 1 and 2, as follows: “The Committee shall oversee the broad range of statistics and statistical policy issues relevant to the Organisation”, the subsequent Articles being renumbered accordingly [see C(2008)126/REV1];

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1 Canada, France, Japan, New-Zealand, Portugal and Spain confirmed on 14 and 15 October 2008 their agreement given ad referendum.
d) agreed to transmit document C(2008)126/REV1 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 5 therein.

174. DRAFT MANDATE OF THE CO-ORDINATION GROUP FOR THE GLOBAL PROJECT ON MEASURING THE PROGRESS OF SOCIETIES

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)157 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;
b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;
c) agreed to transmit document C(2008)157 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 7 therein.

175. SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT OF REMUNERATION AT 1 JULY 2008 FOR KOREA, SPAIN, THE UNITED STATES, ICELAND AND MEXICO

THE COMMITTEE

b) noted the explanations by the Secretariat [for reference: Explanatory Notes to the 171st Report of the CCR, SIO/WD(2006)20], and the comments by Delegations;
c) agreed to return to this question, for decision, at its next session.

176. PREPARATION FOR THE 2009 MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (TDPC) AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)142 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat, including on the new dates proposed (30 and 31 March 2009);
b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;
c) noted that document C(2008)142 will be revised mainly to reflect the new dates proposed, and agreed that C(2008)142/REV1 be transmitted to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 17 therein.
177. **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON ENHANCING INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)105 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Delegations, the Secretariat and the Chair;

c) agreed\(^2\) to transmit document C(2008)105 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 11 therein.

178. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM PACKAGE – OCTOBER 2008**

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)122/REV1 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;

c) agreed, in the light of the discussion, to amend the first sentence of paragraph 17 to read: “The Secretary-General recognises the importance of the three key elements mentioned above which will be applicable in all circumstances, and has adopted the practice of advertising senior management positions” [see C(2008)122/REV1/CORR1];

d) agreed to transmit document C(2008)122/REV1 and its CORR1 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 48 of C(2008)122/REV1.

179. **MAKING THE NEW PENSION SCHEME (NPS) AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE OECD PROVIDENT FUND**

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)116 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat;

b) noted the comments by Delegations and the Secretariat;

c) agreed to transmit document C(2008)116 to Council with the recommendation that it adopt, as an “a” point, the draft conclusions set out in paragraph 14 therein.

\(^2\) Switzerland confirmed on 9 October 2008 its agreement given *ad referendum.*

THE COMMITTEE

a) noted document C(2008)144 and the introductory remarks by the Secretariat (see PowerPoint presentation posted on the EDG);

b) noted the comments by Delegations, including the request that the Secretariat prepare a table of contents for document C(2008)144 (subsequently posted on the EDG);

c) noted that the Secretariat will organise an informal meeting for a detailed review of document C(2008)144 in the coming days and that in the meantime, Delegations are invited to post possible questions on the EDG;

d) agreed to return to this issue, in the light of the questions raised and the outcome of the informal meeting, at its next session for further discussion and transmission to Council for adoption.

181. OTHER BUSINESS

THE COMMITTEE

i) Revision of the Manual

a) noted that, as agreed at an informal meeting on 29 September, Delegations are invited to post their comments and propose amendments on the EDG by 28 October;

b) noted also that a second informal meeting will take place on 30 October to take stock of the proposed amendments at this stage;

ii) Informal Seminar of Deputy Permanent Representatives

   c) noted the remarks by Vice-Chair Simon;

iii) Next session

   d) agreed to hold its next session on Wednesday, 22 October 2008, noting the provisional programme of work for the Executive Committee until December set out in Room Document No. 3.

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3 The informal meeting will take place on 15 October 2008.
4 The meeting has been postponed to 23 October [see CE/A(2008)30/PROV].
ANNEX I

IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE

Statement by the United Kingdom

“The UK notes that none of the recommendations in the In-depth Evaluation of the Committee for Agriculture should be interpreted as implying that the Committee should compromise in any respect its willingness to address politically sensitive issues as necessary.”

Statement by New Zealand

“New Zealand notes the discussion on the in-depth evaluation's recommendations in the Executive Committee on 7 October. New Zealand notes that none of the recommendations in the in-depth evaluation of the Committee for Agriculture should be interpreted as implying that the Committee should compromise in any respect its willingness to address politically sensitive issues as necessary. The ability of the Committee to address politically sensitive issues is one of its key attributes and the fact that such discussions and work are difficult should not be interpreted as meaning that it is less valuable or relevant. New Zealand notes the discussion of this issue in the Executive Committee and the assurances received that this was not the intention and that the recommendations should not be so interpreted.”

Statement by Australia

“Australia noted the discussion on the evaluation's recommendations and received assurance that Recommendation 1 is not to be interpreted as aiming to reduce independent analysis in politically sensitive areas of trade and agriculture. Fact based quantitative analysis of the consequences of policy choices is to remain the mode of operation of the Committee. Australia also notes that Recommendation 3 intends that further horizontal work on agricultural policy and regional policy could be conducted, but considers that these are independent and discrete policy areas.”
ANNEX II

PRESENT

Mr. Neple (Président/Chairman)

Ms. Grzondziel  Allemagne/Germany
Mr. Lerchner  "
Mr. Wiblin  Australie/Australia
Ms. Fashing  Autriche/Austria
Mr. Lenaerts  Belgique/Belgium
Mr. Chatterson  Canada
Mr. Park  Corée/Korea
Mr. Neergaard  Danemark/Denmark
Ms. Runge  "
Mr. Tejada  Espagne/Spain
Ms. Borg  Etats-Unis/United States
Mr. Salmimies  Finland/Finlande
Mr. Sturm  France
Mr. Zaralis  Grèce/Greece
Mr. Simon  Hongrie/Hungary
Mr. O’Toole  Irlande/Ireland
Ms. Einarsdottir  Islande/Iceland
Mr. Lambertini  Italie/Italy
Mr. Yagi  Japon/Japan
Mr. Figueroa  Mexique/Mexico
Ms. Dominguez  "
Ms. Hellstrøm  Norvège/Norway
Mr. Jenks  Nouvelle-Zélande/New Zealand
Mr. van Geel  Pays-Bas/Netherlands
Mr. Taouati  "
Mr. Hordynski  Pologne/Poland
Mr. Caldeirinha  Portugal
Ms. Füle  République slovaque/Slovak Republic
Mr. Tesar  République tchèque/Czech Republic
Mr. Martin  Royaume-Uni/United Kingdom
Ms. Rangnitt  Suède/Sweden
Ms. Sundström  "
Mr. Flückiger  Suisse/Switzerland
Mr. Schneider  "
Ms. Çevik  Turquie/Turkey

Mr. Pierros  Commission européenne/European Commission

Mr. Garcia Lopez (Item 170)  Président du Comité d’évaluation/Chair of the Evaluation Committee

Mr. van Haute  Directeur exécutif/Executive Director
Mr. Giovannini  Directeur/Director, STD ; Chef Statisticien/Chief Statistician
Ms. Sallard  Directeur/Director, GOV
Mr. Tangermann Directeur/Director, TAD
Mr. Harmel Directeur/Director, Secrétariat du Conseil/Council Secretariat
Mr. Bonucci Directeur/Director, SGE/LEG
Mr. Pezzini Directeur Adjoint/Deputy Director, GOV
Ms. Pagé Chef de la gestion des Ressources humaines/Head of Human Resource Management, EXD/HRM
Ms. Fecteau Directeur Adjoint/Deputy Director, LEG
Mr. Poels Manager, Centre des services au personnel / Manager, Staff Service Centre, EXD/HRM/SSC
Ms. Vanston Chef de la Section Commune d'Administration des Pensions/Head of the Joint Pensions Administrative Section, JPS
Mr. Williams Coordinateur des évaluations/Evaluation Co-ordinator, SGE/CES
Ms. Coleman Réforme financière/Financial Reform, EXD/PBF
Ms. Blaise Administrative Officer - Head of Management Support Unit/Agent Administratif - Chef de l'Unité de support en gestion, STD/MSU