Council

PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS IN THE WORK OF THE ORGANISATION

(Note by the Secretary-General)

Attached is an update of the information concerning the participation of non-Members (observerships, full participation and ad hoc participation) in OECD subsidiary bodies, as well as information concerning countries which have expressed an interest in becoming Members of the Organisation.

Since 28 July 2000, the Government of the Slovak Republic was invited to be represented by an observer at meetings of the Council and other bodies of the Organisation open to all Member countries until the Slovak Republic becomes a Member of the Organisation.
SECTION I. NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN SUBSIDIARY BODIES

ARGENTINA

Full participant

Advisory Board on the Development Centre
C/M(94)2/PROV, Item 28 (27.1.94)
Exchange of letters (11.3.94)

CIME Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
C/M(96)21/PROV, Item 287; C(97)112
Exchange of letters (22.4.97)

Observer

CIME and its Working Groups (other than Bribery)
C/M(96)21/PROV, Item 287 (24-25.10.96), with effect from 22.4.97 - exchange of letters, C(97)112

Committee for Agriculture and its subsidiary bodies
C/M(95)9/PROV, Item 142 (8.6.95)

Competition Law and Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies
C/M(97)24/PROV, Item 347 (11.12.97)

Fisheries Committee
C/M(98)15/PROV, Item 171 (26.6.98)

Trade Committee and its Working Party
C/M(96)5/PROV, Item 58 (22.2.96)

Working Party on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (Environment Policy Committee)
C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 d) (10.7.97)

Other participation

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999
C/M(99)5/PROV, Item 66 (4.3.99)

Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000
C/M(2000)6/PROV, Item 64 c) (23.3.2000)

Pending request

Committee on Fiscal Affairs
Exchange of letters (4.11.99 and 19.11.99)
BRAZIL

Full participant

Advisory Board on the Development Centre
C/M(94)2/PROV, Item 28 (27.1.94)
Exchange of letters (17.3.94)

CIME Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
C/M(97)21/PROV, Item 298 b) iii) (23.10.97)
Exchange of letters (14.11.97)

Steel Committee
C/NM/M(96)3/PROV, Item 17 g) and h) (9.2.96)

Observer

Agriculture Committee and its subsidiary bodies
C/M(98)10/PROV, Item 108 iii) (23.4.98)

CIME and its Working Groups (other than Bribery)
C/M(97)21/PROV, Item 298 b) ii) (23.10.97)
Exchange of letters (14.11.97)

Competition Law and Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies
C/M(97)24/PROV, Item 347 (11.12.97)

Trade Committee and its Working Party
C/M(97)3/PROV, Item 37 (6.2.97)

Ad hoc observer

PUMA: selected activities
C/M(97)10/PROV, Item 146 (7.5.97)

Other participation

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999
C/M(99)5/PROV, Item 66 (4.3.99)

Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000
C/M(2000)6/PROV, Item 64 c) (23.3.2000)

BULGARIA

Full participant

CIME Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
C/NM/M(96)10/PROV, Item 64 (13.6.96)
Exchange of letters (2.10.97)
Observer

Steel Committee
C(2000)136, Item 5 b)
C/M(2000)19/PROV, Item 232 b) (27.7.2000)

Ad hoc observer

NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy
C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 g) (10.7.97)
CCN/M(99)10/PROV, Item 5 (1.12.99)
C/M(99)25/PROV, Item 338 p) (9.12.99)

Pending requests

Working Group on Waste Management Policy
C/M(99)17/PROV, Item 266 b) and c) (7.10.99)
Working Party on Pollution Prevention and Control
Working Party on Small and Medium Enterprises

CHILE

Full participant

Advisory Board on the Development Centre
C/M(98)16/PROV, Item 187 (9.7.98)
Exchange of letters (3.11.98)

CIME Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions
C/M(97)9/PROV, Item 125 b) iii) (24-25.4.97)
Exchange of letters (3.10.97)

Observer

CIME and its Working Groups (other than Bribery)
C/M(97)9/PROV, Item 125 b) ii) (24-25.4.97)
Exchange of Letters (3.10.97)

Committee for Agriculture and its subsidiary bodies
C/M(99)3/PROV, Item 38 g) I) (4.2.99)

Education Committee and the CERI Governing Board
C(2000)64, para. 6 b)

Joint Group on Trade and Competition
C/M(97)24/PROV, Item 347 (11.12.97)

Trade Committee and its Working Party
C/M(96)5/PROV, Item 58 (22.2.96)
**Ad hoc observer**

PUMA: selected activities  
C/M(97)10/PROV, Item 146 (7.5.97)

**CHINA**

**Other participation**

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999  
C/M(99)5/PROV, Item 66 (4.3.99)

Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000  
C/M(2000)6/PROV, Item 64 c) (23.3.2000)

**ESTONIA**

**Observer**

CIME discussions on issues relating to international investment  
C/MIN(99)13, Item 8 (26-27.5.99)  
C/M(99)14/PROV, Item 197 b) (24.6.99)

**HONG KONG, CHINA**

**Observer**

CIME discussions on issues relating to international investment  
C/MIN(99)13, Item 8 (26-27.5.99)  
C/M(99)14/PROV, Item 197 b) (24.6.99)

Committee on Financial Markets and  
- Working Party on Financial Statistics  
- Working Party on Debt Management  
C/M(95)5/PROV, Item 92 (13.4.95)

Joint meetings of the Trade Committee and the ELSA Committee on Trade and Labour Standards ¹  
C/M(95)17/PROV, Item 277 (26-27.10.95)

Joint meetings on Trade and Competition Policy ¹  
C/M(95)13/PROV, Item 226 (14.9.95)

Joint meetings on Trade and Investment ¹  
C/M(95)13/PROV, Item 226 (14.9.95)

¹. For as long as Hong Kong, China, is an observer in the Trade Committee.
Joint Session of Trade and Environment Experts  
Trade Committee and its Working Party  

**INDIA**

**Observer**

Steel Committee (participated for the first time in 2000)

**Other participation**

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999  
Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000

**INDONESIA**

**Other participation**

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999  
Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000

**ISRAEL**

**Full participant**

CIME Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions

**Observer**

CERI Governing Board  
Committee for Information, Computer and Communications
Policy and its subsidiary bodies
Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy and its subsidiary bodies
Education Committee
Industry Committee and
- Working Party on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- Working Party on Regional Development Policies
Joint Meeting of the Working Party on Chemicals and the Chemicals Committee

Other participation
Committee on Financial Markets Ad-hoc Experts’ meetings in the financial sector area, e.g. securities markets operations, public debt management, institutional investing and other financial topics

Pending request
Competition Law and Policy Committee will revisit this issue at its session 23-27.10.2000.

KAZAKHSTAN
Ad hoc observer
NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy

Observer
CIME discussions on issues relating to international investment

LATVIA
Pending request

CIME

C(2000)116, para. 7 b)

LITHUANIA

Observer

CIME discussions on issues relating to international investment

C/M(99)13, Item 8 (26-27.5.99)
C/M(99)14/PROV, Item 197 b) (24.6.99)

Ad hoc observer

NEA Group of Government Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy

C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 g) (10.7.97)
CCN/M(99)10/PROV, Item 5 (1.12.99)
C/M(99)25/PROV, Item 338 p) (9.12.99)

Pending requests

CIME

C(2000)116, para. 7 b)

Competition Law and Policy Committee will revisit this issue at its session 23-27.10.2000.

DAFFE/CLP/M(99)2/ANN6, Item 4 (8-9.6.2000)

ROMANIA

Observer

Council Working Party on Shipbuilding

C/M(98)15/PROV, Item 171 (26.6.98)

Steel Committee

C/M(95)1/PROV, Item 26 (12.1.95)

Ad hoc observer

NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy

C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 g) (10.7.97)
CCN/M(99)10/PROV, Item 5 (1.12.99)
C/M(99)25/PROV, Item 338 p) (9.12.99)
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Observer


Annual Review of Fisheries (Committee for Fisheries) C/M(95)18/PROV, Item 288 (9.11.95)

Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy C/M(95)21/PROV, Item 310 (14,18-19.12.95)

Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy and its subsidiary bodies C/M(92)12/PROV, Item 123 (17.6.92)
C/M(95)5/PROV, Item 93 (13.4.95)
C/M(96)5/PROV, Item 60 (22.2.96)
C/M(97)21/PROV, Item 307 (23.10.97)

Committee on Competition Law and Policy and its Working Parties C/M(95)21/PROV, Item 310 (14,18-19.12.95)

Committee on Fiscal Affairs and its subsidiary bodies C/M(98)6/PROV/ANN2, Item 62 (12.3.98)

Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA) and Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations (CSNI) C/M(98)21/PROV, Item 281 c) (27.10.98)

Commodity Groups of the Committee for Agriculture C/M(95)21/PROV, Item 310 (14,18-19.12.95)

Council Working Party on Shipbuilding C/M(96)6/PROV, Item 77 (14.3.96)

Economic and Development Review Committee: Country Examinations, subject in each case to invitation by the country under examination C/M(95)5/PROV, Item 93 (13.4.95)

Education Committee C/M(95)17/PROV, Item 278 (26-27.10.95)

Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee (main Committee only) C/M(95)17/PROV, Item 278 (26-27.10.95)

LEED Programme Directing Committee: temporary suspension (requested by Russia 22.6.99) C/M(99)3/PROV, Item 38 ii) g) iii) (4.2.99)

2. The Protocol establishing the Liaison Committee between the Russian Federation and the OECD was signed on 27 May 1997 [C(97)116/FINAL; C/M(97)14/PROV, Item 183].
Maritime Transport Committee
C/M(95)13/PROV, Item 228 (14.9.95)

Steel Committee
C/M(95)5/PROV, Item 93 (13.4.95)

Working Party on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (Environment Policy Committee)
C/M(97)4/PROV, Item 50 (27.2.97)

Ad hoc observer

Committee on Financial Markets: invited to 2000 Tour d’Horizon discussion
C(99)192, para. 6 c)

NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy
C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 g) (10.7.97)
CCN/M(99)10/PROV, Item 5 (1.12.99)
C/M(99)25/PROV, Item 338 p) (9.12.99)

Other participation

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999
C/M(99)5/PROV, Item 66 (4.3.99)

Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000
C/M(2000)6/PROV, Item 64 c) (23.3.2000)

Pending requests

CIME

Insurance Committee: referred to the Committee for a technical opinion
C(2000)68
C/M(2000)10/PROV, Item 114 a) – a) and b) (25.4.2000)

Trade Committee.3
C(97)17; C/M(97)3/PROV, Item 38 (6.2.97)
C/M(97)22/PROV, Item 314 (13.11.97)

Council agreed the most appropriate way to extend co-operation is to hold informal meetings on a regular basis with the WP and Bureau of the Trade Committee on issues of particular interest to OECD Members and the Russian Federation and asked the Trade Committee to keep developments in the Russian Federation under review and to return to its request for observer status at a later date.
SINGAPORE

Observer
Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy, and
- Working Party on the Information Economy
- Working Party on Information Security and Privacy

Committee on Financial Markets and its subsidiary bodies

Trade Committee and its Working Party

Pending requests
Insurance Committee

SLOVENIA

Observer
Joint Meeting of the Working Party on Chemicals and the Chemicals Committee

Associated member
LEED Programme Directing Committee

Ad hoc observer
NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy
**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Observer**

Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, and its subsidiary bodies  
CES/CRC(98)24, Item 11 (10.12.98)  
C/M(98)24/PROV, Item 323 ii) j) (10.12.98)

**Ad hoc observer**

Ad hoc observership at the 10th meeting of the Panel on Good Laboratory Practice, 27-28 January 1998  
C/M(97)24/PROV, Item 350 (11.12.97)

**Other participation**

Special Dialogue at Ministerial Level with Invited Countries, 26 May 1999  
C/M(99)5/PROV, Item 66 (4.3.99)

Special Dialogue between Members of the ECSS and Non-Members, 7-8 June 2000  
C/M(2000)6/PROV, Item 64 c) (23.3.2000)

**UKRAINE**

**Observer**

Steel Committee  
C/M(95)10/PROV, Item 159 (22.6.95)

**Ad hoc observer**

NEA Group of Governmental Experts on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy  
C/M(97)17/PROV, Item 204 g) (10.7.97)  
CCN/M(99)10/PROV, Item 5 (1.12.99)  
C/M(99)25/PROV, Item 338 p) (9.12.99)

**VENEZUELA**

**Pending request**

CIME  
C(2000)148  
SECTION II. NON-MEMBER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN OECD MEMBERSHIP

This section lists all those countries which have, in varying terms, expressed a desire to become a Member of the OECD. Wherever possible reference is made to official Council and/or CCN documents; un-referenced entries reflect the Secretariat’s understanding of the non-member’s interests.

ARGENTINA Mr. Di Tella, Argentina’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Secretariat on 19/02/92 to discuss Argentina’s “formal interest in obtaining observer status on committees ... and eventual membership”. [C/NM/M(92)5, Item 28 a)]. Official visit 26.2.96 by Argentina’s President Mr. Carlos Saul Menem to meet OECD Council and express the Argentine Government’s wish to become a member of OECD. Letter of 28.07.97 from Mr. Guido Di Tella, Minister for Foreign Relations, International Trade and Religious Affairs, officially expressing Argentina’s wish to become a Member of OECD [C(97)200, C/M(97)19/PROV, Item 248 (16.9.97); discussion in Council 11.12.97 - C/M(97)24/PROV, Item 354].

BALTIC STATES Joint Declaration of the Republics of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, dated 22 October 1996, concerning the willingness of these countries to become Members of the Organisation [C/M(96)23/PROV, Item 313, 26.11.96]. Secretary-General replied 10.2.97 [C/M(97)3/PROV, Item 36, 6.2.97].

BULGARIA Mr. Jelev, President of Bulgaria, met members of the OECD Council on 18/02/92 and expressed Bulgaria’s wish to become an OECD Member within a reasonable time [C/NM/M(92)4, Item 23 c)].

CHILE Letter of 17/03/95 from Mr. Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs, expressing the wish that Chile be “considered for possible membership of the OECD” [C/NM(95)28].

CROATIA Mr. Valentic, the Prime Minister, conveyed to the Secretary-General during the Trieste Summit on 16/07/94 Croatia’s intention to become a Member of the OECD. [C/NM/M(94)13, Item 74 a)]. Letter of 02/02/96 from Mr. Simonivic, First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, reiterating interest of Croatia in “the development of cooperation” with OECD [C/NM(96)12].

CYPRUS Formal application dated 29/03/95 [C/NM(95)35].

ISRAEL Letter of 21/06/94 from Mr. Peres, Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressing a wish for a “a more structured and formal relationship with the OECD ... leading to full membership in the future” [C/NM(94)75]. Visit from Israel on 27/09/2000 [CCN(2000)15].

MALTA Letter from Mr. de Marco, Deputy Prime Minister, of 02/04/92 expressing its wish to join the OECD “at the appropriate time”. [C/NM(92)32]. Mr. Joseph Licari, Ambassador of the Republic of Malta in France, called on the Secretary-General on 1 March 1996 for information on the procedure to follow for possible membership in OECD.
ROMANIA  Letter of 17/07/91 from Mr. Roman, Prime Minister, requesting participation in the PIT programme and accession to the OECD Convention [C/NM(91)51]. Letter of 5/07/96 from Mr. Mircea COSEA, Minister of State, President of the Council for Co-ordination, Strategy and Economic Reform reconfirming the willingness of Romania to become a fully fledged Member of OECD; to participate in a specific co-operation programme for the next two years in the field of free flow of capital, settlement of investments, fiscal policy and environment; and to obtain observer status in the Committees for Trade, Agriculture and Maritime Transport. President Constantinescu of Romania addressed Council on 6 February 1997, expressing “...the wish of Romania to engage deeply in the activities [of the OECD], of which it would like to have the honour to become a Member...”.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION  Letter of 20/05/96 from Mr. V. Tchemomyrdine, Prime Minister officially requesting the accession of the Russian Federation to the OECD, IEA and NEA; reply by the Secretary-General dated 6.2.97 [cf. C(97)116/FINAL -- Russian Federation-OECD Liaison Committee Protocol signed 27.5.97].

SAN MARINO  Letter of 06/10/94 indicating that San Marino “was studying the possibility of becoming a Member of the Organisation...”.

SLOVENIA  Letter of 27/01/95 from Mr. Bencina, Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, indicating that membership of the OECD is Slovenia’s final goal. Exchange of letters on administrative arrangements covering co-operation with Slovenia signed, on the authorisation of the GCNME, between the Secretary-General and Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia on 14.3.96 [C/NM(96)21 and C/M(96)5/PROV]. Formal application for membership dated 11.3.96 delivered to Secretary-General by Mr Druovsek on 14.3.96.

UKRAINE  Letter of 26/05/95 from Mr. Mityukov, Deputy Prime Minister, indicating Ukraine’s wish “to initiate an enhanced programme of co-operation with the OECD... with the medium-term objective of satisfying the conditions necessary to make a formal application for OECD membership” [C/NM(95)57]. Signature of exchange of letters on co-operation with the OECD [C/M(97)22, Item 316].