INFORMAL DAC TASK FORCE ON CONFLICT, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

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Draft Criteria and Terms of Reference

(Draft Note by the Secretariat)

These draft criteria and terms of reference for the future DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation (DAC CPDC Network) are circulated for DISCUSSION at the meeting of 14-15 December 2000. They will be transmitted to the first meeting of the DAC CPDC Network, amended as necessary, for final approval.

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Objectives

1. In 1998-2000 the DAC Task Force on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation (CPDC) reviewed the Guidelines approved in 1997 on this topic and produced a second DAC policy note “Helping prevent violent conflict”. Helping to build donor and partner country capacities to promote peace, prevent violent conflict and to address conflict related issues through development co-operation will continue to be an important aspect of DAC Members development processes and implementation activities.

2. Bearing this in mind, the fundamental objectives of the Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation are as follows:
   (a) Improve development co-operation policies towards conflict prevention.
   (b) Share best practices and lessons learned on the role and use of development co-operation for conflict prevention and peacebuilding.
   (c) Improve approaches to management of security issues and related expenditures in partner countries as part of governance and public sector reform programmes.
   (d) Enhance policy coherence for conflict prevention and peacebuilding within OECD governments and amongst development co-operation agencies.
   (e) Promote partnership – private/public; within partner countries and between external actors i.e. other government departments, civil society institutions, non-governmental organisations, business community, the media etc.
   (f) Strengthen tools and processes for integrating conflict analysis throughout development co-operation frameworks, approaches and activities.

Scope of Work

3. The purpose of the Network is to provide a space for discussion of fundamental policy questions, related policy decisions and programming choices. The network should serve as a place for information sharing and strategizing, and may produce policy guidance and advice based on collective conclusions drawn from individual donor and partner country experience in any given area.

4. The approach will be pragmatic, taking full account of experiences and contexts in partner countries, bilateral and multilateral development institutions, the United Nations system, major international conflict-related NGOs. The Network will not duplicate the work being undertaken by others, but rather will foster and draw on this work as much as possible.

5. The working methodology of the Network will be as follows:
   a. Chair: The Chair of the Network will be elected by the Members of the Network for a two-year period. The Network can choose to elect a vice-Chair if it so wishes.
b. **Participants/Members**: would have a responsibility to engage actively in the Network activities and meetings, through commissioning or providing papers/studies; hosting or supporting workshops and meetings; commenting on documents and policy papers. Members/participants should be able to mobilise, as necessary, relevant experts from their agencies/institutions as well as from partner countries. At the policy level DAC Members would be responsible for trying to ensure that agreed recommendations are integrated into the operational procedures and requirements that guide their agencies’ or institutions’ engagements with partner countries.

c. **Secretariat**: The OECD Development Co-operation Directorate will serve as the Secretariat for the Network. This includes: setting in consultation with the Members, the Programme of Work and Budget; organising meetings and consultations; hiring consultants and experts; reviewing and editing documentation for the Network; overseeing publications and their dissemination, as required and permitted by financing.

d. **Membership**: The Network is open to all Members of the DAC, as well as its regular observer organisations (the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Development Program) and United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). The OECD Development Centre, PUMA (Public Management Service), CCNM (Centre for Co-operation with non-Members), DAF (Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs), the Club du Sahel and other relevant directorates of the OECD, as relevant. Other organisations such as policy research institutes and international NGOs active in the field of conflict prevention and peacebuilding could be included as deemed necessary by the Network.

e. **Linkages to other DAC work**: The Network will collaborate with other DAC subsidiary bodies on issues of common interest. Possible areas for future collaboration have already been identified in the fields of aid evaluation, gender, governance, poverty reduction, environment, and statistics.

**Interaction with Partner Countries**

6. The Network will interact with partner countries throughout its work in various ways as deemed appropriate. This would include mainly informal regional consultations, building on the experience already gained in this area by the CPDC Task Force, but also through possible electronic networking and use of partner-country conflict/peace experts. The Network can invite partner country representatives to participate in its meetings as it deems appropriate.

**Interaction with Multilaterals/International NGOs**

7. The Network will interact with similar bodies or sub-bodies established by multilateral organisations or at the multilateral level, or international NGOs, such as *e.g.* the Conflict Prevention and Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding Network (CPR Network).
Support and Finance

8. The Secretariat will establish a voluntary contributions fund entitled ‘Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Fund’ (Peacebuilding Fund). This fund will finance the activities of the Programme of Work as agreed by the Network other than those that will be directly executed by Members. This includes all activities, consultants, meetings, publications and Network-related travel for the Secretariat. All funding provided will be combined in the fund and allocated as needed. The Network will receive detailed expenditure reports at each meeting.

9. As already anticipated in the letter (refer to Richard Carey’s letter RC(2000)258), the funding of a project post in the Secretariat for the next two years will be very important for the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Network. The Network will receive staff support from the OECD Secretariat in addition to the project post position, needed to strengthen current staff resources.

Frequency and Venue of Network Meetings

10. The Network will convene at least once every nine months, and as often as Members deem necessary and feasible at a venue convenient for all Members (this would usually be at the OECD in Paris but could also be at the headquarters of one of the Network Members/Observers). Other meetings, workshops, consultations or informal sessions can be held as required, and where appropriate.

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1. If Members require that their contribution be ear-marked to one specific activity, this can be accommodated. It is much easier however to have a combined pooling of funds and be able to allocate as needs arise.

2. An exception to the amalgamated contributions is any financing provided for the project post, which should be specifically ear-marked as such.