This is the final version of the DAC Mandate that was approved by Council on 14 October 2010 [C(2010)123 & CORR1] and [C/M(2010)18].

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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL REVISING THE MANDATE OF
THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation;

Having regard to Paragraph 14 of the Report by the Preparatory Committee establishing the mandate of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) [CM(60)2(Final)];


Having regard to the recommendations of the In-depth Evaluation of the DAC [C(2007)99 & CORR2 and C/M(2007)17, Item 226 c)];

Having regard to the proposed revision of the mandate of the Development Assistance Committee [C(2010)123 & CORR1];

Committed to supporting developing countries in their efforts to improve the lives of their peoples in a sustainable manner, including by attaining the Millennium Development Goals;

Recognising that members of the DAC continue their common efforts to increase resources for development and to improve their effectiveness;

Convinced of the need to align development co-operation to the specific context and challenges of each developing country and region;

Aware that poorer countries are constrained in their engagement with the global economy and are at risk of increasing marginalisation;

Aware that the policy choices of OECD countries and emerging economies as well as policy challenges relating to global public goods affect development results;

Recognising the need for the DAC to work with other policy communities and development stakeholders beyond its membership with a view to enhancing development results;

Convinced that sustainable and broad-based development of developing countries—including fragile and conflict affected states—is essential for global stability and inclusive growth;

Recognising that, while developing countries’ ability to mobilise domestic resources as well as to access private and public finance extended on commercial terms should be supported given the contributions they make to economic development, many developing countries will continue to require official development assistance (ODA), at least throughout the period of this mandate;
DECIDES:

A. The Development Assistance Committee has the following mandate:

I. Objectives

The overarching objective of the DAC is to promote development co-operation and other policies so as to contribute to sustainable development, including pro-poor economic growth, poverty reduction, improvement of living standards in developing countries, and to a future in which no country will depend on aid.

In order to achieve this overarching objective, the Committee shall:

a) monitor, assess, report, and promote the provision of resources that support sustainable development, as specified above, by collecting and analysing data and information on ODA and other official and private flows;

b) review development co-operation policies and practices, particularly in relation to national and internationally agreed objectives and targets, and promote mutual learning;

c) provide analysis, guidance and good practice to assist its Members and the expanded donor community to enhance the quality and effectiveness of development assistance, particularly regarding pro-poor economic growth and poverty reduction;

d) analyse and help shape the rapidly evolving global development architecture to optimise development results.

e) promote perspectives on global public goods and policy coherence for development in coordination with other policy communities in OECD;

f) engage or invite non-Member countries - in particular those with major development co-operation programmes - international organisations, private sector organisations, and civil society representatives, so as to assure the relevance and inclusiveness of DAC’s work.1

II. Special Delegated Power

The Committee shall continue to make recommendations to Members of the Committee, as well as to the Council, within its competence on matters related to development.

B. The mandate of the Development Assistance Committee shall remain in force until 31 December 2015.

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1 OECD countries that are not Members of the DAC are entitled to participate in all meetings of the DAC and its Subsidiary Bodies in areas of mutual interest.