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1. Adoption of the Agenda  
   DCD/DAC/A(2000)12

2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 755th Meeting  
   DCD/DAC/M(2000)6/PROV

3. Preparations for the 2000 Development Partnership Forum,  
   11-12 (a.m.) December : update  
   DCD/DIR(2000)25

4. Draft Annotated Agenda for the 2000 Senior Level Meeting,  
   12 (p.m.) - 13 December  
   See Annex

5. DAC Poverty Reduction Guidelines  
   DCD/DAC(2000)26

6. Convergence of Country-Level Frameworks: The Interface with  
   National Strategies for Sustainable Development  
   DCD/DAC(2000)27

7. Task Force on Donor Procedures – draft terms of reference  
   DCD/DAC(2000)28

8. Draft Recommendation on Untying Aid to LLDCs: State of Play  
   DCD/DAC/FA/M(2000)2/PROV

9. Draft DCD Chapter for the OECD-wide Sustainable  
   Development Report  
   Room Document

10. ODA Reporting of the Costs of Refugees in Donor Countries  
    DCD/DAC(2000)22

11. Other Business  
    - Proposal for joint meeting of trade and development officials  
      DCD/DIR(2000)28
    - Consultation with the International Federation of  
      Agricultural Producers on 27 November  
      DCD/DIR(2000)29
Annotations

Agenda Item 5: DAC Poverty Reduction Guidelines

1. The Committee is invited to discuss the draft Guidelines which will be revised as necessary before they are forwarded to the Senior Level Meeting for discussion and guidance. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance on structuring the discussion on the Guidelines in the Senior Level Meeting, including the treatment of policy coherence in a broader OECD context.

Agenda Item 6: Convergence of Country-Level Frameworks: The Interface with National Strategies for Sustainable Development

2. The Committee will be briefed on ongoing efforts to promote the convergence of the various country-level planning frameworks (NSSD, PRSP, CDF) and on the progress in the DAC Working Party on Development Co-operation and Environment to formulate guidance for donors in the area of national strategies for sustainable development. A draft annotated outline of this guidance, which is being prepared based on consultations with developing country partners, will be submitted to the Senior Level Meeting for discussion and guidance.

Agenda Item 7: Task Force on Donor Procedures

3. The Committee is invited to discuss the draft terms of reference for the proposed Task Force on Donor Procedures, emerging from the ad-hoc meeting on 26 October. These terms of reference will be revised as necessary and then forwarded to the Senior Level Meeting for endorsement.

Agenda Item 8: Draft Recommendation on Untying Aid to LLDCs: State of Play

4. The draft summary record of the recent meeting of the DAC Working Party on Financial Aspects, which discussed the work to be undertaken by the Working Party on an effort-sharing mechanism, will be available to the Committee. The Committee is invited to provide any further guidance deemed necessary on this work.

Agenda Item 9: Draft DCD Chapter of the OECD-wide Sustainable Development Report

5. The present working draft has been submitted to the Members of the DAC Working Party on Development Co-operation and Environment with the request to provide comments and suggestions by 25 October. The Secretariat will inform the Committee orally of the main thrusts of the Working Party’s reactions. The Committee is invited to make any additional comments. The Chapter will then be revised in the light of both sets of comments and suggestions before being submitted to the SLM for information.

Agenda Item 10: ODA Reporting of Costs of Refugees in Donor Countries

6. Following Switzerland's proposal at the DAC Senior Level Meeting in 1999 a review has been conducted on ODA reporting of the costs of refugees in donor countries. The DAC is invited to consider this report, in particular its recommendations on revising the ODA definition of costs of refugees in donor countries, and make recommendations to the SLM.
Annex

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING
to be held on 12-13 December 2000, beginning at 15:00 on Tuesday 12 December and closing at 18:00 on Wednesday 13 December at the Chateau de la Muette, Paris

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It is suggested to discuss the following topic at the working lunch on Thursday 13 December: DAC Input into Forthcoming UN Events: LLDC Conference and UN Event on Finance for Development
Agenda Item 2: Partnership, Poverty Reduction and Policy Coherence: From Commitment to Implementation

1. Ministers for Development Co-operation and Heads of Agencies endorsed a policy statement at their last High Level Meeting (11-12 May 2000) to show their commitment to implementing partnership principles in support of poverty reduction. The DAC is working on a number of fronts to help guide the implementation process.

(a) DAC Guidelines on Poverty Reduction

1. The DAC Informal Network on Poverty Reduction has been working since April 1999 on these guidelines. During the drafting process consultations have been held with partner countries in Africa, (Dar es Salaam, March 2000), Asia (Dhaka and Jakarta, April 2000) and Latin America (Santiago, June 2000). A special consultation is scheduled on 15 February 2001 with human resource and management staff of DAC Aid Agencies to discuss Chapter V on Development Agency Institutional Capacity and Change. The Guidelines will be revised as necessary in the light of the outcomes of this consultation and SLM guidance and then presented to the DAC High Level Meeting for endorsement.

2. The discussion under this agenda item should also take into account the outcomes of some recent events in the DAC:

   - Informal Meetings of the DAC with Heads of a number of UN Agencies on their role in poverty reduction strategies: Emerging questions from discussions held so far (UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, ILO (Room Document No. 1))

   - Informal Workshop on Poverty Reduction Strategies, Comprehensive Development Framework and National Strategies for Sustainable Development: Towards Convergence, 28-29 November (Room Document No. 2);

   - Development Partnership Forum Ownership and Partnership: The Role of Northern and Southern Civil Society in Poverty Reduction Strategies, 10-12 December (Room Document No. 3)

3. SLM participants are requested to assess the present draft of the Guidelines on Poverty Reduction and to provide any guidance on the issues they think should be addressed before the Guidelines will be presented to the HLM. They may also wish to identify the key messages to be emphasised in a political declaration by Ministers supporting their commitment to implement the Guidelines.

(b) Draft Terms of Reference for DAC Task Force on Donor Procedures

4. In their policy statement, HLM participants requested the DAC to consider the guidance needed to implement the partnership agenda. In this context, they suggested that work be undertaken - together with the Multilateral Development Banks and the United Nations - to facilitate the management tasks of partner countries, in particular where these are unnecessarily burdened by multiple procedural requirements on the donor side. To follow-up on this mandate, an ad hoc meeting of the DAC on 26 October decided to establish a Task Force (with a two-year mandate) to work on these issues.
5. Following the 26 October meeting, the Secretariat drafted terms of reference for the envisaged Task Force on Donor Procedures, which were subsequently discussed by the DAC in its meeting on 7 November. SLM Participants are requested to endorse these terms of reference and provide any guidance on the future work of the Task Force.

(c) Draft DCD Chapter of the OECD-wide Sustainable Development Report

6. This draft chapter of the OECD-wide initiative on sustainable development, which focuses on enhancing sustainable development in non-Member countries, has been prepared by an OECD Secretariat team which was co-ordinated by the Development Co-operation Directorate and which included the Environment Directorate, the Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members, the International Energy Agency, the Development Centre and the Club du Sahel. SLM participants are invited to discuss the draft chapter and provide comments.

7. A related chapter, focusing on trade, investment and sustainable development, prepared by an OECD Secretariat team led by DAFFE, ECH, ENV and DCD is submitted to SLM participants for information.

8. Both chapters will form part of the OECD "Analytical Report" on Sustainable Development. They will also provide inputs to the "Policy Report" on Sustainable Development being prepared for the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in May 2001.

(d) Policy Coherence

9. Chapter IV of the Guidelines on Poverty Reduction are to be the basis for an OECD-wide process designed to generate wide ownership in the Organisation, so that this chapter can also serve as an OECD Checklist on Policy Coherence for Poverty Reduction. SLM participants will be informed of progress and invited to provide guidance. Participants will also be invited to provide guidance on the work on trade and development (including capacity building) being undertaken through collaboration between the Trade Directorate, the Development Co-operation Directorate and the Development Centre.

(e) Supplement to Guidelines on Peace, Conflict and Development Co-operation

10. [Annotation to be provided in light of the meeting of the Task Force on Peace, Conflict and Development Co-operation on 9-10 November]

Agenda Item 3: Draft recommendation on Untying Aid to LLDCs: The State of Play

11. In line with the mandate given by the DAC, the Working Party on Financial Aspects met in October and November to explore possible mechanisms to promote effort-sharing, with the objective of finalising the Recommendation on untying ODA to the least developed countries. The referenced note provides a progress report on the work of the Working Party on effort-sharing mechanisms and invites guidance from SLM participants on how best to pursue this work in a manner that will permit finalisation of the Recommendation by the time of the 2001 High Level Meeting.
Agenda Item 4: Strengthening the Peer Review Process

12. This subject was discussed by the DAC in its meeting on 12 September [see DCD/DAC/M(2000)6/PROV]. In line with the conclusions of that discussion informal meetings of the DAC are planned to carry forward the discussion of ways to strengthen the Peer Review process. SLM participants are invited to provide guidance.

Agenda Item 5: 1996 DAC Recommendation on Anti-Corruption Clause

13. The report provides a synthesis of Members’ experiences with and the impact of the 1996 DAC Recommendation on Anti-Corruption Proposals for Aid-Funded Procurement [DCD/DAC/(96)11/Final]. The review is based on responses to a questionnaire received to date from 16 Members. The report recalls the provisions taken by Members pursuant to the Recommendation, their experience with its implementation and impact, and suggestions to strengthen its effectiveness.

14. The review shows that the 1996 Recommendation has contributed to this by increasing awareness that donors will not tolerate corruption and in strengthening the authority of Members to take actions, including criminal action, in cases where there has been evidence of corruption.

15. The review also emphasises that Members consider that combating corruption constitutes an integral part of the broader development agenda. Guidance from SLM participants is invited on a number of issues and suggestions, including how to link up this specific work on corruption with the broader DAC agenda and with wider OECD actions to combat corruption.

Agenda Item 6: Review of ODA Reporting of the Costs of Refugees in Donor Countries

16. [Annotations to be provided following the DAC Meeting on 7 November]

Agenda Item 7: Suggestions for DAC 2001 High Level Meeting

17. The SLM is asked to identify the main topics that could be discussed at the High level Meeting in 2001. The DAC Chairman will write a letter to participants with his ideas and suggestions [JCF(2000..)].