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CHAIR'S PROPOSAL

Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation

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It sets out the Chair's proposal to the PBIG regarding the composition of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.

The PBIG is invited to discuss the proposal with a view to reaching agreement on a process whereby nominations for Steering Committee members will be endorsed by the plenary meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness in June 2012.

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CHAIR'S PROPOSAL

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

About this proposal

- 1. Building on the discussions of the Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG), this document represents the proposal of the WP-EFF Chair, Mr. Talaat Abdel-Malek, to the PBIG regarding the composition of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.
- 2. The document sets out a proposed composition for the Steering Committee as well as a process for nominating representatives of constituencies to the Steering Committee. Additionally, this document presents two options for consideration by the PBIG regarding the level of representation in the Steering Committee.
- 3. The third PBIG meeting will present an opportunity to discuss the Chair's proposal, with a view to reaching agreement on a process whereby constituencies will nominate their representatives to the Steering Committee ahead of the plenary meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness in June 2012. This will enable a successful launch of the Global Partnership also in terms of working arrangements, ensuring continued momentum and commitment to drive progress in implementing the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.

Background and process to date

- 4. The HLF4 outcome document, the *Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation*, calls for the establishment of a "new, inclusive and representative Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation to support and ensure accountability for the implementation of commitments at the political level". The Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) has been tasked to agree on light working arrangements for the Global Partnership by June 2012. The WP-EFF will cease to exist and the new Global Partnership will emerge as the key international platform for enhancing the effectiveness of development co-operation.
- 5. The PBIG has agreed that ministerial level meetings will present the key forum for dialogue and that a Steering Committee will support this ministerial level platform. The core tasks of the Steering Committee will be to *i*) Steer the work of the ministerial meeting, including strategic priorities and agenda; *ii*) Act as 'ambassadors' of the Global Partnership to other international/regional processes; and *iii*) Guide the work of the joint OECD-UNDP support team.
- 6. In its second meeting, the PBIG agreed on a slightly expanded version of option 2 of the Secretariat proposal [DCD/DAC/EFF(2012)4], which followed a constituency based approach to the

composition of the Steering Committee. The group agreed that the Steering Committee should be "nimble", comprising 12-14 members, thus striking a balance between efficiency and representativeness. Several members emphasised the importance of active engagement of various stakeholders and of strong representation of developing countries in the Committee. It was agreed that a proposal for Steering Committee composition will take into the account the need for sufficient regional representation, the importance of providing space for emerging economies and fragile states and the value of rotating representation within constituencies to ensure ownership and inclusiveness.

Proposal for Steering Committee composition

- 7. Building on the PBIG consensus and taking into account the importance of representativeness and efficiency at the same time, the WP-EFF Chair proposes the composition for the Steering Committee presented below.
- 8. This proposal seeks to capture the diversity and reflect the perspectives of key stakeholders in the Global Partnership. In light of the discussions of the second PBIG meeting, the proposal introduces a slight amendment to option 2 of the Secretariat proposal. Rather than applying a strict rule of the three co-chairs' constituencies all having an additional two representatives as members of the Steering Committee, this approach seeks to ensure a strong representation of recipients of development cooperation in the Committee while at the same time limiting the overall composition to 14 members as agreed.

Steering Committee of the Global Partnership:

Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership	
1	Recipient of development co-operation
1	Recipient and provider of development co-operation
1	Provider of development co-operation
Members of the Steering Committee	
3	Representatives of recipients of development co-operation, one of which is a representative of the
	g7+ group of fragile and conflict-affected states
1	Representative of recipients and providers of development cooperation
1	Representative of providers of development cooperation
1	Representative of private sector stakeholders
1	Representative of parliamentarians
1	Representative of civil society stakeholders
1	Representative of multilateral development banks
1	Representative of the UNDP/UNDG
1	Representative of the OECD/DAC

Agreeing on the membership of the Steering Committee

- 9. In agreeing on a constituency based approach to the composition of the Steering Committee, the PBIG agreed that each constituency will decide its own representation, allowing for internal rotation/alternation as desired.
- 10. PBIG members representing the following constituencies are invited to lead consultations for agreeing on representation that can best convey the perspectives of the constituency to the work of the Steering Committee:

- **Providers of development co-operation**: Under the leadership of PBIG members (EU, Nordic+, Germany, Japan, UK, USA, Korea and CANZ) to agree on one Co-Chair representative and one representative as member of the Steering Committee;
- **Recipients of development co-operation**: Under the leadership of PBIG members (Bangladesh, Honduras, Mali, Rwanda, g7+, AU-NEPAD, Pacific Islands) to agree on one Co-Chair representative and three representatives as members of the Steering Committee;
- **Providers and recipients of development co-operation**: Under the leadership of PBIG members (India, China, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa) to agree on one Co-Chair representative and one representative as member of the Steering Committee;
- Other constituencies/stakeholders: Under the leadership of PBIG members (World Bank, Better Aid, IPU, UNDP/UNDG and OECD/DAC) to nominate one representative respectively as member of the Steering Committee.
- 11. PBIG members will be expected to lead the process to identify their representative(s) in a transparent manner, consulting broadly within their constituencies and bearing in mind the possibilities for rotation/alternation of members every two years.
- 12. The Chair of the WP-EFF will consult with representatives of the private sector to facilitate and support a process for agreeing on a private sector representative as member of the Steering Committee.
- 13. In deciding on their own institutional or governmental representative(s), constituencies are advised to bear in mind that all Steering Committee members will play a key role in facilitating policy dialogue; bringing knowledge and experience from their constituencies into preparing the substantive agenda of the Global Partnership; conveying messages of the Global Partnership to other international/regional processes, thereby acting as ambassadors of the Global Partnership; and promoting the interests of the Global Partnership to ensure the relevance and effectiveness of the Global Partnership as an international platform.

Agreeing on the level of representation in the Steering Committee

- 14. The PBIG has identified the need for political leadership to ensure sustained momentum and continued political commitment for driving forward the work of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation. There has been broad agreement in the PBIG for ministerial level Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership, who are capable, imaginative and eminent persons able to command the trust and respect of the full Global Partnership.
- 15. Regarding the level of representation in the Steering Committee, discussions to date have indicated support for members of the Steering Committee to be senior level officials (or the equivalent). In view of the importance of sustaining political commitment and leadership over the work of the Steering Committee, however, the Chair invites the PBIG to consider raising the representation in the Steering Committee to the ministerial level. Following this approach, the Chair proposes that the Steering Committee, including Co-Chairs and regular members, will consist of ministerial level¹ representatives.
- 16. In the event that the PBIG would prefer a senior level steering committee, the Chair proposes that the ministerial level Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership, or their representatives, would chair the meetings

¹ Or the equivalent for non-governmental stakeholders

of the Steering Committee, while the members of the committee itself would be senior level officials (or the equivalent).
