DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 97TH SESSION

To be held at the Château de la Muette, Paris
from Wednesday 18th October at 9.30 a.m. to Friday 20th October 2000

Item 3, Review of Labour Market and Social Policies in the Russian Federation and Item 4, Current and Future Work on Health at the OECD, will be taken on Wednesday 18th October, beginning at 9.30 a.m. to allow Delegates to the Working Party on Social Policy to attend and participate in the discussions.

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1. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

**ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee is invited to adopt the Draft Annotated Agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 96TH SESSION

**ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee is invited to approve the Summary Record.

3. REVIEW OF LABOUR MARKET AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

   **Issues for Discussion**

   **Review Report**

   **Tables and Charts**

   Introduced by the Director and the Head of the Russian Delegation. The examining countries, France and the United Kingdom, will introduce the main issues for discussion, as described in document DEELSA/ELSA(2000)7.

   **ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee is invited to comment on the Review Report and agree to publication of a revised version, taking into account its comments, under the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

   **Approximate timing:** Wednesday 18 October, 16h00-18h00


   **Note by the Secretariat**

   Mr. Peter Scherer will present the Secretary-General’s proposal and introduce the note describing the Secretariat’s contribution to the Organisation’s horizontal project on Health.

   **ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee is invited to comment on the proposal for a horizontal project on health.

   **Approximate timing:** Wednesday 18 October, 9h30-16h00 (With lunch break 13h00-14h30)
Approximate timing: Thursday 19 October, 9h30-13h00

5 ORAL STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR, including progress report on CO-OPERATION WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES


- Fourth General Assembly of INES, Tokyo, 11-13 September 2000;


- Preparations for G-8 Labour Ministers meeting, Turin, 10-11 November 2000;

- Finding Resources For Lifelong Learning: International conference to take place in Ottawa on 7-8 December, 2000;

- Activities with China, including the China Development Forum, Beijing, 20-21 August 2000;

- Review of Labour Market and Social Policies in the Baltic States;

- Follow-up Review of Labour Market and Social Policies in Slovenia.

The Director will report on recent developments and events.

ACTION REQUIRED: The Committee is invited to note the oral statement by the Director.
6 EVALUATION OF THE ELSA COMMITTEE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Recommmdations


At its 986th Session in Warsaw on 13 September 2000, the Council endorsed the recommendations set forth in Annex to C(2000)154, with some amendments, and invited the ELSA Committee to report to the Executive Committee its reactions on the implementation of these recommendations [C/M(2000)21/PROV].


7 PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2001-2002

A. Proposals for a +3 and -3 per cent in the 2001 budget

[Introduced by the Director. As requested at the Committee’s April meeting, Mr. Martin will inform delegates of the present situation with regard to the +3, -3 per cent exercise.


B. Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Public Employment Service and Active Labour Market Policies: Future work

[The Deputy Director will introduce this item. In the discussion on the Programme of Work at the Committee’s Spring Session, there was strong support for thematic reviews rather than single-country reviews. There was interest in continuing work on the evaluation of youth measures as one topic for a thematic review. Additional topics were proposed for consideration and it was agreed that the Committee should reflect on new topics following the PES Prague Conference in July.]
ACTION REQUIRED: The Committee is invited to i) discuss how its future work can contribute to achieving the objective of enhancing the effectiveness of active labour market policies; ii) comment on the specific suggestions for the choice of themes to be examined; iii) advise the Secretariat on its priorities among the themes for a thematic review; iv) indicate country interest in participating in a review; and v) express its views on the Secretariat proposals to secure additional financial support for such reviews.

Approximate timing: Thursday 19 October, 14h30-18h00

8 HUMAN AND SOCIAL CAPITAL AND SUSTAINED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Deputy-Director will introduce this item, the purpose of which is to inform the Committee of the Directorate’s contributions to the OECD horizontal projects on Growth and Sustainable Development. The final reports will be presented to the May 2001 meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level.

The Secretariat proposes taking the three sub-items separately and the Committee is invited to comment on each.

A. The Importance of Human and Social Capital for Economic Growth and Sustainable Development

Note by the Secretariat

Introduced by Mr. Sylvain Côté, CERI. A draft report on the contribution of human and social capital to economic growth and sustainable development is being prepared by CERI for a first discussion by the CERI Governing Board and the Education Committee in November. Document DEELSA/ELSA/ED/CERI/CD(2000)3 provides an overview of the main questions and issues, as well as an outline of the structure of the Report.

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to comment on the issues raised and, in particular, on how this work might contribute to a better understanding of links between learning, social policy and economic and social development.

B. Growth, Inequality and Social Protection

Report Outline by the Secretariat

Mr. Mark Pearson will introduce this discussion of the links between economic growth and whether changes in the distribution of income or in social protection expenditures can affect the rate of growth. The paper describes how new OECD data may help shed light on the issue.

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to comment on the outline.
C. Knowledge, work organisation and growth

Report Outline by the Secretariat

Mr. Raymond Torres will introduce the discussion on the relationship between labour markets and the new economy and related policy issues.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Delegates are invited to comment on the outline.

**Approximate timing:** Friday 20 October, 9h30-13h00

9 LABOUR MARKET POLICIES AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

*Results from Conference held in Prague on 3-4 July*

Note by the Secretariat

The Rapporteur of the Conference, Mr. Peter Schwanse, currently OECD consultant, will present the Summary and Conclusions and will answer any questions delegates may wish to raise.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Delegates are invited to comment on the report and note that the 18 documents prepared for the Prague Conference, together with the Rapporteur’s conclusions, are being revised for publication under the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

10 THEMATIC REVIEW ON ADULT LEARNING:

*Progress Report*

Note by the Secretariat

Ms. Anne Sonnet and Mr. Patrick Werquin will inform delegates of the developments to date in the thematic review and will present some preliminary lessons based on the adult learning situation in the countries reviewed so far.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee is invited to comment on the preliminary lessons.
FOLLOW-UP OF THE THEMATIC REVIEW ON TRANSITION FROM INITIAL EDUCATION TO WORKING LIFE -- Policies for Information, guidance and counselling services: Making lifelong learning a reality

Note by the Secretariat

In the context of the ELSA Committee’s work on youth employment issues, and more broadly DEELSA’s work on lifelong learning, Mr. Richard Sweet will present this new activity being launched by the Education Committee on Information, guidance and counselling services.

ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are invited to i) comment on the organisation, scope and methodology of the activity; and ii) indicate their country’s interest in participating in the activity.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

A. Renewal of the Mandate of the Working Party on Migration, Note by the Secretary-General, [C(2000)157]; and


At its 986th Session in Warsaw on 13 September 2000, the Council agreed to renew the mandate of the Working Party on Migration, as contained in the Annex to C(2000)157, until 31 December 2005.

THE OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

Mr. Robert Ley, Head, Capital Movements, International Investment and Services Division, DAFFE, will inform delegates of the present state of play concerning the OECD Guidelines.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Evaluation of the ELSA Committee:

Synthesis of the replies to the questionnaire completed at the Spring meeting

Evaluation Form, 97th Session

ACTION REQUIRED: The Committee is invited to note the Synthesis of the replies to the Questionnaire and complete and return to the Secretariat, within two days of the meeting, the Evaluation Form for the present meeting.
B. Dates of future meetings

**Spring 2001**: 21-23 March;  **Autumn 2001**: 22-24 October

C. Automatic Declassification of documents

The Council Resolution on the Classification and Declassification of Information [C(97)64/FINAL] which entered into force on 1 September 1997 provides that i) documents and other material classified as Confidential will be automatically downgraded to For Official Use three years after the date of first distribution; and ii) documents and other material classified as For Official Use shall be automatically declassified three years after the date of first distribution, unless a Member country objects. If there is an objection, it shall be reviewed by the Secretary-General in consultation, as appropriate, with the Member country concerned. If the objection is maintained, the material in question shall remain exempt from automatic downgrading or declassification for a further period of three years, or for such other period as the Secretary-General may determine.

**ACTION REQUIRED**: Delegations will find on OLIS the list of relevant documents circulated between 1st January and 31st December 1998. Objections to the downgrading of any of the documents should reach the Committee Secretary, Mrs. Pat Chardome [Fax: 00 33 1 45249098, Email: pat.chardome@oecd.org], in writing, by 1st December 2000 at the latest.