Renewal by the Territorial Development Policy Committee of the invitation to Chile to participate in the Committee as an Observer

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This document is submitted to delegates of TDPC at its 20th Session for DISCUSSION and APPROVAL.

The Committee is invited: i) endorse the recommendations concerning the renewal of Chile to participate in the Territorial Development Policy Committee as an observer, as set out in the evaluation template for non-member regular observers (Annex 1); ii) recommend to the OECD Council to renew the observership of Chile for a period of two years – 2009 and 2010.

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RENEWAL BY THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE INVITATION TO CHILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE AS AN OBSERVER

1. The OECD has defined the participation of non-member countries in Council Resolution C(2004)132/FINAL. When considering the participation of a non-member in the work of a committee, the latter is required to employ the Resolution’s guidelines. Committees are specifically requested to indicate that the criteria listed in the guidelines have been considered in assessing the participation of a non-member in the work of the Committee.

2. In December 2004, the Territorial Development Policy Committee adopted an outreach strategy [GOV/TDPC(2004)6/FINAL] which set forth a framework for co-operation with non-member countries, including observership. The countries also stressed their interest in outreach activities, acknowledging the importance of dialogue between member and non-member countries.

3. On 20 March 2007, the OECD Council decided to invite Chile to participate as an observer in the Territorial Development Policy Committee (TDPC) and its subsidiary bodies for two years - 2007 and 2008 [C/M(2007)4], Item 42. As this period reaches its term, the TDPC is invited to evaluate Chile’s participation in its activities and to formulate a recommendation to extend Chile’s observership for another two years.

4. The current government of Chile has made strengthened regional policy a high priority. Chile, traditionally a centralised country, is increasingly including the regional development perspective on its agenda. The TDPC work areas that are relevant for Chile include: work on vertical and horizontal relations among government bodies, spatial development, competitiveness, especially the cluster issue, rural development (particularly governance and public service delivery in rural regions), managing urban growth and metropolitan governance, and statistics.

5. In her letter to Mrs. Odile Sallard, Director (GOV), dated 18 November 2008, Ms. Claudia Serrano, Under-Secretary of Regional and Administrative Department, Ministry of the Interior, states Chile’s continued interest in observership (Annex II). In view of Chile’s demonstrated interest, participation and the value of its contributions to the work, the TDPC is invited to evaluate the participation of Chile in the Committee’s work and to approve the renewal of its invitation for two years – 2009 and 2010, in accordance with the OECD Council policy and in agreement with the Committee’s global relations strategy.

Actions by the Committee

6. The Committee is invited to:

   i) endorse the recommendations concerning the renewal of Chile to participate in the Territorial Development Policy Committee as an observer, as set out in the evaluation template for non-member regular observers (Annex 1);

   ii) recommend to the OECD Council to renew the observership of Chile for a period of two years – 2009 and 2010.
ANNEX 1

EVALUATION TEMPLATE FOR NON-MEMBER REGULAR OBSERVERS

COMMITTEE/BODY: TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
(For which the non-Member is being evaluated)

NON-MEMBER: Chile


SECTION 1: CONTINUED RELEVANCE OF THE INVITATION

DOCUMENT COTE OF ORIGINAL TECHNICAL OPINION ON THE NON-MEMBER:
[C/M(2007)4], Item 42

THE ORIGINAL ANALYSIS WAS UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF ANNEX 1 TO C(2004)132/FINAL, PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF THIS ANALYSIS IS STILL VALID AND/OR ANY ADJUSTMENTS AND COMPLETE SECTIONS 2 AND 3:

The analysis is still valid.


In order to ensure that all invitations to non-Member observers are subject to the same criteria, invitations that were originally extended to non-Members prior to the adoption of C(2004)132/FINAL and, therefore, have not yet been assessed in light of Annex 1 to C(2004)132/FINAL are subject to a supplementary evaluation against Annex 1 to C(2004)132/FINAL on the first occasion possible, notably at the expiration of the invitation.

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THE NON-MEMBER HAS BEEN INFORMED OF C(2004)132/FINAL

Yes, it has.

SECTION 2: EVALUATION OF THE NON-MEMBER’S PERFORMANCE

QUALITY OF PARTICIPATION:
Is the Committee/body satisfied with the non-Member’s participation as a regular observer?
(frequency of attendance, appropriate representation, quality of preparation, quality and intensity of participation)

SATISFIED

COMMENTS: Chile has been very proactive as an observer in TDPC and in related OECD meetings. Their input has been much appreciated by other delegates. Given the wide range of areas of interest and the dynamic nature of the policy process in Chile, Chile asked OECD to undertake a national territorial review to undertake a broader assessment of the current situation in Chile and identify good practices from OECD countries rich case to analyse regional development. The territorial review of Chile offers a practical illustration of how a centralised country which has achieved strong macroeconomic and political stability is moving towards a territorial approach to development in order to better adapt public management to the different opportunities and needs of the country’s diverse territories. In parallel, the government intends to promote greater decentralisation and to build up the capacities of regional and local actors so that the regions can play a stronger role in developing and implementing regional development strategies. The OECD Territorial Review of Chile is seen as a key input guiding these crucial topics. The review is going to be presented and discussed in the 20th session of the TDPC to be held on 3-4 December 2008.
CONTRIBUTION TO THE OUTREACH STRATEGY/PROGRAMME OF WORK/ MANDATE:

To what extent has the participation of the NM contributed to the successful realisation of the Committee's/body's outreach strategy/programme of work/mandate? Please provide evidence and examples.

Chile’s participation in high-level policy conferences, as well as in the regular Committee and Working Party meetings, has provided insight to the significance of problems and opportunities in non-member countries, in line with the Committee’s outreach strategy. For example, the participation of Chile in the Global Forum on Governance: Modernising Government: strategies and tools for change, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22-23 October 2007, co-organised by the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate of the OECD and the Ministry of Planning of Brazil, and more recently, Ms. Claudia Serrano, Under-Secretary of Regional and Administrative Development, Ministry of the Interior, participated in an important policy debate in the EU-OECD Workshop on Regional Policy, Porto, Portugal. Chile’s participation at such meetings, as well as active involvement in the Committee’s work demonstrates the successful implementation of the outreach strategy. Chile is an important link for the Committee with other countries in Latin America, playing a key role in the overall political and economic stability of the whole region: it has been one of the few countries to meet sustained growth along with political and institutional stability over the last 20 years. As such, Chile’s growth has both direct and indirect importance for the welfare of Member countries.

FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMITTEE/BODY:

Does the NM have an impact on the efficient functioning of the Committee/body? Is the impact positive or negative and in which respect? In the latter case, is the impact manageable and offset by the quality of the NM's inputs?

Chile has contributed to the successful realisation of the Committee’s outreach strategy through its participation in meetings of the Committee and its working parties and ongoing work, in particular through the Territorial Review of Chile. Ms. Claudia Serrano, Under Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development has been present at all TDPC meetings and has nominated representatives to the working parties. In addition, and as mentioned above, she attended to the EU-OECD Joint Workshop on Regional Policy held in Porto, Portugal, on 30 September, 2008. During these sessions Chile has shown a very proactive performance. Numerous interventions were made, and great interest was shown on regional development policies in OECD countries. In addition, Chile has stressed that it would like to play an active role in disseminating the work of TDPC in South America and in organizing events to that end. The position that the government is adopting vis-à-vis regional issues converges with the results and recommendations of TDPC. The Committee’s experience could support the government in its efforts. Finally, Chile has developed close and consistent relations with OECD and its Members, thanks to its involvement as an observer in TDPC.

Chile’s impact on the functioning of the Committee has been positive. Chile is an active participant in meetings, expresses its points of view and keeps Committee members abreast of developments that shape the course of territorial development policies in Chile.

COMMITTEES/BODIES ARE INVITED TO SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THE NON-MEMBER ON THE VALUE AND EXPERIENCES OF THEIR OBSERVER POSITION:

Please provide below a summary of these views or attach any relevant correspondence.

See letter, Annex II
**SECTION 3: SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE/BODY**

In light of the continued or not relevance of non-Member to the Committee’s/body’s work as analysed in section 1 and the non-Member’s performance as analysed in section 2:

**DOES THE INVITATION CONTINUE TO BE RELEVANT IN LIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE/BODY’S STRATEGY AND OF THE CRITERIA OF ANNEX 1 TO THE RESOLUTION?**  Yes.

**IS THE COMMITTEE/BODY SATISFIED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NON-MEMBER?**  Yes.

**DOES THE COMMITTEE/BODY RECOMMEND THE RENEWAL OF THE INVITATION?**  Yes.

Renewal: The Territorial Development Policy Committee recommends that Chile’s invitation to participate as a regular observer be renewed for the next two years – 2009 and 2010. Chile has proven its determination to assist in and contribute effectively to the Committee’s work.

Should any special conditions be attached to the renewal (e.g. renewal for less than the normal 2 years, etc) or to future renewals (e.g. achievement of specific policy objectives, improved participation in certain aspects of the Committee’s/body’s work, etc.)?  No.

**SECTION 4: FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

To be completed by the CCNM

**HAS THE NM OBSERVER PAID ALL OUTSTANDING FEES?**  Yes.
ANNEX II

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Dear Mrs. Sallard,

Since it first became an observer in the Territorial Development Policy Committee, in 2007, Chile has spared no effort to participate actively in the Committee’s sessions and in those of the Working Parties on Urban and Rural Policies and Territorial Indicators.

This participation has enabled us to discuss, exchange and share the OECD Member countries’ valuable and diverse experience in the realm of territorial development. In addition, it has helped this Sub-secretariat to implement its policy, in particular, through the preparation of the Territorial Review of Chile, that is being finalised now. Finally, the position that the government of Chile is moving towards a territorial development perspective converges with the results and recommendations of TDPC. In this context the Committee’s experience will be beneficial and help the government in its efforts.

Well aware of the importance of such participation and its beneficial effects on what we hope will be continuous improvement of our territorial development policy, we write you today to express our desire to continue working together, and we respectfully request that you extend our observship to the OECD Territorial Development Policy Committee for another two years.

Yours sincerely,

Claudia Serrano Madrid
Undersecretary of Regional Development