OECD to Present Review on Regulatory Reform in Poland on Friday 12 July 2002

Regulatory reform has spurred Poland’s impressive transition to a democratic market economy. Many of these reforms, once fully implemented, will boost economic growth and improve the effectiveness of public policies. Poland faces serious economic problems, including high unemployment, lack of competition in key sectors and weaknesses in government capacity to produce and enforce regulations. Further regulatory reform and a forceful implementation agenda is thus needed to complete the work of the last decade and to sustain convergence with other European economies.

The OECD’s Review of Regulatory Reform in Poland, to be released at 12 noon Friday 12 July, assesses progress made in creating the right legal and institutional framework to boost economic growth, job creation and investment. It also provides a comprehensive set of recommendations to improve the impact of the regulatory environment in areas such as competition policy and market liberalisation. The Review calls for an acceleration in the opening up of Poland’s postal, energy and telecommunications sectors to greater competition.

The Review will be presented at a news conference at 1 p.m. on Friday 12 July at the Ministry of Economy, Plac Trzech Krzyzy 3/5, Room N.115, Warsaw. The speakers will include Jacek Piechota, Minister of Economy, Richard Hecklinger, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD and Rolf Alter, Head of the Regulatory Reform Programme of OECD.

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