INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON INTEGRATED HOUSING STRATEGIES: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE AND THEIR COMMUNITY*

(jointly organised with The Scottish Office in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, under the patronage of OECD)

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A Seminar on "Integrated Housing Strategies: Creating Opportunities for People and their Community" bringing together experts, policymakers and practitioners from OECD countries is being organised by the OECD and the Scottish Office in Edinburgh from 6th to 8th October 1992. Part of the OECD Urban Affairs Programme, the seminar will provide information, policy evaluation and recommendations on: (a) the way in which housing strategies using a multi-sectoral approach can assist residents in taking up opportunities to improve living and working conditions both for themselves and the community as a whole; and (b) how the provision of more affordable housing can be encouraged and facilitated for both low-income households and middle-income households under pressure from excessive land and housing costs.

A companion seminar on "Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Cities" will be organised in Spring 1993 in Dublin, in co-operation with the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, to address the following complementary issues: (a) interface between the residential environment and socio-economic problems in cities; (b) the role of education and training in achieving social and economic integration of disadvantaged people; (c) urban security; and, (d) homelessness.

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