OECD EXPERT MEETING ON THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRY

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An expert meeting held in Washington D.C. has taken the first steps towards producing internationally-harmonised definitions to improve data-gathering and comparisons of the global environment industry.

Co-organised by the Paris-based OECD, the US Department of Commerce and US Environmental Protection Agency, the meeting brought together some 40 experts from OECD Member countries, the US government and private sector, as well as specialists from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and United Nations Industrial Development Agency.

At their two-day meeting, participants agreed to implement a comprehensive work-plan to improve the framework for analysis of the environment industry. The work will focus essentially on: global definition of the industry; classification of core groups in the industry; resolution of particular classification problems (e.g. "multi-use" goods and "clean" processes); analysis of related questions (e.g. production, employment, international trade, R&D and innovation).

A working group was set up and will report by end-1995. Further information is available from:

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