THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE OECD COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

Paris, 18th-19th May 1992

The OECD Council will meet at Ministerial level at the Château de la Muette, Paris, on 18th and 19th May. Mr. Sigbjorn Johnsen, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Bjorn Tore Godal, Minister of Trade and Shipping, of Norway, will chair. France and New Zealand will provide the Vice-Chairmen.

In their discussions, Ministers are expected to focus particularly on: promoting sustainable economic growth and social progress, with emphasis on structural reforms and employment; strengthening the multilateral framework of the global economy; and meeting the challenge of a changing world, especially with regard to developing countries, dynamic economies in Asia and Latin America, as well as countries in transition to democracy and the market economy.

The meeting will open at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 18th May.

A final communique will be issued and a press conference will be given by the Chair and the Secretary-General at the end of the meeting on Tuesday, 19th May at 5.30 p.m. (approximately)

Mr. Jean-Claude Paye, Secretary-General of the OECD, will give a press background briefing on the Ministerial meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 15th May 1992

The briefing will be for attribution to "senior OECD officials", but may not be recorded, filmed or photographed.
Journalists are invited to make use of fully equipped radio and television studios. Phone-feed and line facilities, camera crews and video-editing equipment are available. Voice extracts from speeches and full recording of press conferences will be released.

Photographers and camera crews can shoot the arrival of ministers and will have limited access for shots in the conference room at 9.30 a.m. on both days. Lighting is installed in both areas. Parking passes may be requested, with priority to television cars.