OECD AND ASIAN PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON TAXATION AND INVESTMENT FLOWS
Sydney (Australia), 11th-13th November 1992

Participants from OECD Member countries and six "Dynamic Asian Economies" (DAEs), namely Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, are to hold an informal workshop on the potential impact of taxation arrangements on international investment flows. The workshop, which constitutes the first meeting on taxation in the framework of the OECD/DAE informal dialogue, will be hosted by the Australian Government and will take place in Sydney from 11th to 13th November 1992.

Around 50 participants from tax administrations, Ministries of Finance, investment agencies, the private sector and academia will attend the workshop. Participants, attending in their personal capacity, will come from OECD Member countries, the DAEs and international organisations. This workshop is one of a series organised by the OECD with the DAEs.

A press conference will be held at 17.30 on Thursday 12th November, at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, Sydney.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to compare recent tax reforms in OECD and DAE countries, in particular, and whether the downward trend in tax rates in the OECD has had any impact on the DAEs reforms.

The main subject, however, will be the tax treatment of foreign direct and portfolio investment. Here, one of the key issues is the effectiveness of tax incentives: Do they work? What do they cost? How do they affect the tax system? Do they open up new avenues for tax avoidance?

A third theme for the workshop is to identify tax barriers to inward investment, both on the part of the DAEs and the OECD countries. Participants will also discuss the tax treatment of multinational enterprises (MNEs) and the issues that arise in determining the prices to be charged on cross-border transactions between related enterprises.
Workshop participants will also be informed of the recently published OECD "Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital" and how this differs from the earlier Model which has been used extensively as a blueprint for bilateral tax conventions.

Journalists may obtain a copy of the agenda from the OECD Fiscal Affairs Division, 2 rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris cedex 16 (Tel. 45 24 91 36 or 91 15).