Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees

CONSULTATION BETWEEN ECG MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS ON OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED EXPORT CREDITS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

DRAFT AGENDA

Room 1, OECD Headquarters, Paris
15 September 2003, beginning at 14.30

This is the Draft Agenda for the Consultation between the Members of the Working Group on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees (ECG) and Stakeholders on the Review of Common Approaches on Export Credits and the Environment.

The Consultation will be held at the OECD Headquarters, Paris, on 15 September 2003, beginning at 14.30 in Room 1. The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Birgitta NYGREN (Sweden).

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14.30 Item 1. Opening (Chairman of the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees)

14.35 Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

14.40 Item 3. Information about Progress Made/Recent Events since 2002 Consultation

3.1 OECD Secretariat: update about OECD work on the issue of export credits and the environment.

3.2 EBRD presentation on the Bank’s new Environmental Policy approved as of April 2003, followed by Question and Answer session.

3.3 Presentation of the Equator Principles (Citibank), followed by Question and Answer session.

15.40 Item 4. Review of Common Approaches on Export Credits and the Environment

4.1 Presentations of proposed NGO amendments to the Common Approaches (Room Document No.1), followed by Question and Answer session.

16.30 Coffee break

16.50 4.2 Exchange of views between Stakeholders and ECG Members on enhancing the Common Approaches.

17.50 Item 5. Chairman’s Concluding Remarks
SECRETARIAT NOTES

Item 3.  Information about Progress Made/Recent Events since 2002 Consultation

3.1 The OECD Secretariat will brief the participants on the latest developments in the OECD on issues relating to export credits and the environment. For information.

3.2 An EBRD representative will present the Bank’s new Environmental Policy applied by the Bank as of April 2003. The drafting of the Common Approaches has benefited from the EBRD experience and the text of the 2001 Common Approaches includes an Annex drawn from the EBRD’s Environmental Policy and Procedures. For information and discussion.

3.3 A representative from Citibank will present the “Equator Principles” which have been adopted and implemented by 12 private banks (as of 21 July 2003) in order to manage environmental and social issues in their project financing activities. More information on the Equator Principles is available on: http://www.equator-principles.com/. For information and discussion.

Item 4.  Review of Common Approaches on Export Credits and the Environment

4.1 Some NGOs will present their proposed amendments to the Draft Recommendation on Common Approaches on Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits (Room Document No. 1). For information and discussion.

4.2 All Stakeholders are invited to exchange views to inform the review of the Common Approaches. For discussion.