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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL

ON IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to Article 18 a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Organisation,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of 20 February 1996 on Improving the Environmental Performance of Government [C(96)39/FINAL];

Taking note of the efforts made by other international organisations to improve their environmental performance, in particular to apply and observe high standards of environmental housekeeping;

Mindful of the constraints placed upon the Organisation by its budgetary situation and noting that improving the environmental performance of the Organisation's premises and operations can have positive effects beyond the environmental sphere, in particular the reduction of operating costs:

I. INVITES the Secretary-General to incorporate environmental considerations in the design, construction and maintenance of the premises of the Organisation.

II. INVITES the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member countries, to identify priorities, and set clear policy goals, including timetables and targets, for the improvement of the environmental performance of the Organisation with the aim, *inter alia*, of:

(a) reducing waste;

(b) expanding re-use, recycling and use of recycled materials;

(c) optimising the use of energy, water, wood, paper, and other natural resources;

(d) phasing out ozone-depleting substances and minimising the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds, vehicle emissions and other substances damaging to health and the environment.

III. INVITES the Secretary-General, in establishing the procurement policies of the Organisation, to give due consideration to the selection of products, materials, technologies and services which are environmentally sound.

IV. INSTRUCES the Secretary-General to establish appropriate means to co-ordinate implementation of this Resolution, including mechanisms for regular monitoring and assessment, and to report to the Council within one year of its adoption and regularly thereafter.