

Selection of the OECD Secretary-General

Report from the Chair of the Selection Committee on the outcome of the second round of consultations

Meeting of the Heads of Delegation

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1. The process to select the OECD Secretary-General is established by the OECD Council under C(2016)70, which states that the Chair of the Selection Committee shall conduct confidential individual consultations with the Members, in order to narrow the field of candidates and ultimately identify the candidate around whom consensus can be built for appointment as Secretary-General.
2. On 21-22 January 2021, the Dean of the Ambassadors, and Chair of the Selection Committee, UK Ambassador Christopher Sharrock, conducted the second round of confidential individual consultations with the Heads of Delegations of all OECD Members.
3. Following these consultations, Kersti Kaljulaid (Estonia) and William Morneau (Canada) have withdrawn from the process.
4. The Chair would like to record the thanks of all OECD Members to Kersti Kaljulaid and William Morneau for their willingness to be nominated for the position, and for the spirit with which they have engaged in the process.
5. Further rounds of consultations will be undertaken over February.