OECD AID DONORS’ GROUP AND TURKEY’S AID AGENCY HOLD WORKSHOP ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN NEW EURASIAN RECIPIENT STATES

Antalya, Turkey, 18th-21st January 1994

Aid policy-makers from Member countries of OECD’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and officials from 11 new Eurasian recipient states are to discuss current development aid principles and practices in a four-day seminar hosted by the Turkish International Co-operation and Development Agency (TICA) at Antalya, Turkey, from 18th to 21st January.

Co-chaired by DAC Chairman Alexander R. Love and Ambassador Umut Arik, President of TICA, with special support from the German Ministry of Economic Co-operation, the seminar will bring together about 70 participants for a workshop on the management of external assistance, the role of external assistance in private sector development, and co-operation for the benefit of the environment in the Eurasian republics, most of which were part of the former Soviet Union.

It is the first meeting involving DAC donors and Eurasian new aid recipient states. Many of the latter will be represented at Ministerial level.

The seminar aims is to introduce key policy-makers and administrators in the new Eurasian recipient countries to aid management concepts and practices developed by DAC Members so as to contribute to the understanding and effective functioning of the aid process in these countries. The sessions will bring together senior officials and specialists from DAC Member countries, the OECD Secretariat and other international organisations, including the World Bank, IMF, UNDP, and EBRD, as well as representatives from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
The seminar is not open to the press, but further information is available from:

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