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**COUNCIL**

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**ACCESSION OF COLOMBIA TO THE ORGANISATION**

**DECISION OF THE COUNCIL TO INVITE THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA TO  
ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE OECD**

**(Adopted by Council at its 1377<sup>th</sup> session on 25 May 2018)**

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## THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) and, in particular to Articles 5 a) and 16;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council on Strengthening the OECD’s Global Reach adopted on 29 May 2013 by which Council decided to open accession discussions with the Republic of Colombia [C(2013)58/FINAL];

Having regard to the Roadmap for the Accession of Colombia to the OECD Convention [C(2013)110/FINAL], adopted by Council on 19 September 2013 which sets out the terms, conditions and process for the accession of the Republic of Colombia to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (hereinafter referred to as “the Organisation”);

Having regard to the Report by the Secretary-General on the Accession of Colombia to the Organisation [C(2018)80];

Having regard to the Final Statement by the Government of the Republic of Colombia dated 17 May 2018 concerning the acceptance by the Republic of Colombia of the obligations of membership of the Organisation [C(2018)77];

Having regard to the formal opinions of the OECD substantive Committees listed in the Accession Roadmap [C(2018)78];

Having regard to the Note by the Secretary-General on the Position of Colombia on Legal Instruments not Reviewed by OECD Substantive Committees [C(2018)79];

Having regard to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on the Privileges, Immunities and Facilities Granted to the Organisation, signed in Punta Mita, Mexico, on 20 June 2014;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Colombia is prepared to assume the obligations of membership of the Organisation;

## DECIDES:

1. The Republic of Colombia is invited to accede to the Convention on the terms proposed in the Final Statement by the Government of the Republic of Colombia [C(2018)77] and those set out below.
2. The Republic of Colombia shall provide its position on each legal instrument of the Organisation adopted between the date of the present Decision and the date of the accession of the Republic of Colombia to the Convention within three months after the adoption of such legal instrument.
3. All prior agreements on the participation of the Republic of Colombia in OECD bodies as a non-Member shall be terminated as from the date of the accession of the Republic of Colombia to the Convention. As from that date, the Republic of Colombia will participate in those OECD bodies as a Member of the Organisation.

4. The Republic of Colombia shall provide progress reports to OECD bodies after its accession to the Convention as follows:
  - Environment Policy Committee: a progress report on the implementation of the eleven legal instruments for which it requested a timeframe, to be submitted by the end of 2018 or by the end of 2020 in accordance with the specific timeframe for implementation requested for each instrument, and thereafter if required;
  - Chemicals Committee: a progress report in 2021 on the implementation of the nine legal instruments for which it requested a timeframe and on the Committee recommendations in relation to C(83)98/FINAL and C(83)97/FINAL taking into account the implementation timeline of the *National Industrial Chemicals Policy*;
  - Public Governance Committee: an annual progress report for a period of five years after accession on progress in implementing the Key Recommendations listed in paragraph 78 of the Public Governance Committee Formal Opinion, including the commitments listed in Appendix A of the Formal Opinion on the implementation of the Ten-Year Justice Plan;
  - Regulatory Policy Committee: an initial report within two years after accession and a second report in five years if required;
  - Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee: a yearly update report based on the elements and indicators listed in Annex A of the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee Formal Opinion, to be accompanied by a report prepared by the Secretariat two, four, six and eight years after accession to the Organisation and thereafter as required;
  - Trade Committee: a follow-up assessment with respect to the recommendations listed in Section V. of the Trade Committee Formal Opinion at each Trade Committee meeting following the date of its accession for two years and thereafter as required;
  - Fisheries Committee: a progress report within two years after accession.
5. The Republic of Colombia shall contribute financial resources to support the evaluation of the post-accession progress reports indicated above. An annual summary of Colombia's post-accession progress prepared by the Secretary-General shall be made public, together with the reports prepared by the Colombian authorities and the Secretariat for ELSAC.
6. The Republic of Colombia shall designate a contact point of authority, responsible for post-accession reporting.