



Secretary-General  
Secrétaire général

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Dear Minister Loizaga,  
Dear Minister Molinas,

I have the honour and the pleasure, pursuant to a decision of the Council of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), to invite Paraguay to become a Member in the Organisation's Development Centre, and thereby in its Governing Board. I believe membership in the Development Centre and consequently greater engagement in its activities will be mutually beneficial and facilitate the wider sharing of experiences and perspectives.

Regarding the remaining formalities, Paraguay would become a participant by accepting the Decision of the OECD Council establishing the Centre [C(62)144/FINAL, as amended], a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

Paraguay must also accept to contribute to the expenditures of the Centre according to the applicable scale of contributions. Currently, non-OECD Members in the Development Centre are required to contribute an annual fee, which is fixed at 6,160 EUR in 2017 for Paraguay. This amount may be subject to adjustment in the future. Depending on the date of acceptance to the OECD invitation, the payment would be calculated for the period remaining in 2017 (temporal prorata).

I propose that this letter and your Government's affirmative reply to it constitute an agreement between the Organisation, and the Government of Paraguay accepts the Decision establishing the Development Centre and the obligation to contribute to its funding. The agreement will enter into force on the date of your Government's affirmative reply. The terms by which either party may terminate this agreement are set out in Article 11 of the aforementioned Decision of the OECD Council.

The OECD looks forward to further strengthening its cooperation with Paraguay.

Yours sincerely,

Angel Gurría

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Enclosures