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Subject: RE: Draft declaration revised UPDATE and NEXT STEPS

Following my meeting with political management, the view is that it is a bit early for Environment Ministers to have a session on the Ukraine.

That said, we would welcome any remarks the SG may wish to provide at the opening of the meeting and we will likely speak to the situation the first time we take the floor.

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Dear colleagues

In relation to Hodayah's mail, I would like to let you know, I quickly back-checked with my foreign affair colleagues before a wrote my feedback on the way how to proceed with the issue related to Ukraine

Regards

André

André Weidenhaupt
(sent from my mobile device)

> Le 15 mars 2022 à 15:46, Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov> a écrit :
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> I have a meeting with my political management this morning and will revert shortly with their guidance on a session.
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> Dear Ingrid, colleagues

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Regards

André

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Le 15 mars 2022 à 11:47, Ingrid.BARNSLEY@oecd.org a écrit :

Many thanks for the quick and helpful responses.

On timing of how we would squeeze this in to the agenda, we thought of three possible options (we are checking in parallel on the SG's calendar):

- we start the meeting one day one at 10h30 instead of 11h30 and thus put the Ukraine session in from 11h30-12h30 prior to the lunch (note we do not yet have confirmation on the SG's calendar, he would not attend the Ukraine item but it would change his timing of attendance at the opening of the Ministerial)
- we use the lunch slot on day one (ie cancel the private sector lunch)
- we use the lunch slot on day two (ie cancel the lunch on public awareness)

By way of example, the upcoming ELS ministerial (early April) will now have a dedicated session on the human migration crisis and the MCM agenda is also being adjusted. That said, an alternative would be to weave it in to the opening remarks and subsequent interventions of two sessions: 1) the opening session (here we could include reference in Mathias remarks to the environmental consequences of the conflict and the oecd's EPOC related work with Ukraine) and 2) the first climate plenary (where we could weave in discussion of the impact of the conflict on energy prices, energy policies and our long term climate goals).

Grateful for your thoughts,

Ingrid

Le 15 mars 2022 à 11:15, André Weidenhaupt
<Andre.Weidenhaupt@mev.etat.lu> a écrit :

Dear Rodolfo and Ingrid
Dear Hodayah

I am very much in line of Hodayah's message to move the message directly to the full committee to allow everyone to prepare for Friday's EPOC Meeting.
The language on Ukraine seems quite adapted and adequately drafted.
I share Hodayah's concerns in relation to a dedicated session on the Ukraine issue, given time constraints and the fact that there are more adequate fora for this important and urgent matter.

Regards

André

André Weidenhaupt
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Le 15 mars 2022 à 10:59, Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov> a écrit :

Thank you for the message and highlighting key next steps. In this instance, I support the proposal to move the draft declaration directly to the full committee given the need of all Members to prepare for the virtual session on Friday.

With respect to the proposed language on the Ukraine, I will consult internally for final guidance but the language suggested seems timely, appropriate and action oriented at first read. In in my personal opinion as a bureau member, I expect we would support this type of language.

For a dedicated session on the Ukraine, I can revert but can you provide more information on when that might take place? The schedule is already quite full.

Best, Hodayah

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Dear John, André, Hodayah,

Ministerial Declaration – next steps

The third round of consultation on the draft ministerial declaration closed on 11 March. We received comments from 25 delegations and we are now working through all comments received.

As you know, we have scheduled a live virtual consultation on Friday to discuss the outstanding issues. John has kindly agreed to chair the meeting. The objective will be to go over the parts of the text where views have not yet converged, in the hope of agreeing to as much of the text at the meeting as possible. We will contact John separately to prepare for the meeting.

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Responding to the Russia-Ukraine war

You will have seen Lithuania's proposal to insert language in the Ministerial Declaration condemning Russia's attack against Ukraine. They have since forwarded that proposal to all deputy permanent representatives of the OECD delegations (and cancelled their Minister's attendance at the meeting). JP and SWE indicated support for the language via the written consultations while CAN noted support for some sort of language on the situation. No other delegations responded specifically on the point of Lithuania's proposal but a fair number have contacted the Secretariat bilaterally asking how we intend to respond to the situation. We have discussed this carefully internally, with the Secretary-Genreal, global outreach, Council Secretariat and Legal teams. We have also spoken to Italy, as Chair of the MCM, and to the Director of Labour and Social Affairs, who will hold the next OECD Ministerial (and only other OECD Ministerial before the June MCM) in order to seek consistency of approaches across the Organisation's bodies. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Dedicated session at the Ministerial: Analysis of the consequences of the conflict on issues under EPOC's mandate

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We are keen to hear your thoughts on these proposals.

All the best,

Rodolfo and Ingrid

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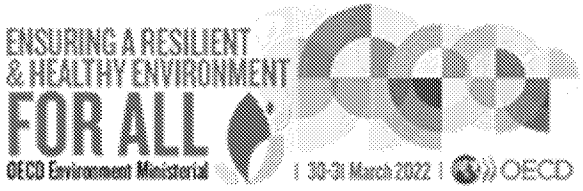
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