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### **A/ Institutional Arrangements**

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#### **Composition of the Hungarian National Contact Point (HNCP)**

In the second quarter of 2002 composition of the Hungarian National Contact Point changed. Tasks of the Hungarian National Bank (HNB) were modified and the Bank was restructured. Moreover the liberalisation of capital flow was practically completed in Hungary. As a result of the changes direct participation of the HNB in the HNCP became unnecessary. Current organisational structure is trilateral, the HNCP remained an interdepartmental body with permanent members.

#### **List of permanent members**

Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA)  
Ministry of Finance (MoF)  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)

Despite the organisational modification MEA will act as a Secretariat for the HNCP and a permanent member of HNCP at the same time. HNCP makes decision on the basis of consensus. There was no any serious change in the mode of keeping in touch with the civil organisations.

### **B/ Information and Promotion**

Regarding the Guidelines the main information source remained the home page of MEA and the HNCP in the MEA. However the promotion of the Guidelines and the information dissemination was implemented via different fora. Role of the Guidelines was characterised and explained under a conference held in the headquarter of the Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions on December 17, 2001. On this event Mr John G. EVANS General Secretary (OECD TUAC) delivered a lecture on the Guidelines and the experience gained in different countries and related to the implementation of the Guidelines. Ms Dr. Dimitrina Dimitrova (representative of Budapest Office of ILO) spoke about the ILO Tripartite Declaration and the relationship between multinational enterprises and the social policy. The representative of HNCP addressed as well as and he illustrated the role, organisational structure, activity of HNCP. Beside the trade union leaders Mr Sándor Földes was also present as Co-president of the Confederation of Hungarian Employers' Organisations for International Co-operation. On this occasion the Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions published the text of the Guidelines in 500 copies of Hungarian language and made a temporary website on the

Internet for the Guidelines and the ILO Tripartite Declaration. A roundtable discussion on the foreign direct investments in Hungary which was organised by the Hungarian Academy of the Sciences was also a useful event to promote the HNCP and the Guidelines.

### **C/ Implementation**

The Secretariat of HNCP wrote a letter to the Executive Director of the Confederation of Hungarian Employers' Organisations for International Co-operation asking for a broad information activity on the Guidelines for all members. The HNCP proposed to the Hungarian Employers' Organisations to take into consideration the adherence to the Declaration.

### **D/ Others**

The HNCP carried out an investigation on the so-called Burma (Myanmar) affair. The Secretariat of HNCP stated that multinational enterprises settled down and registered in Hungary and the Hungarian companies themselves could not be blamed for the heavy political and economic situation occurred in Burma.

The representative of HNCP was invited to take part in bilateral talks with the leaders of the multinational enterprises registered in Hungary in order to clarify the situation on tax type investment incentives which should be modified in the context of the accession to the EU. These talks were arranged as events initiated by the Investors' Council and they will be continued.

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