

Media Release

Business calls on OECD to lead in the debate for open markets

Paris, 25 April 2017 – Releasing a new <u>policy paper</u> today, Business at OECD identified priorities for OECD and governments to keep markets open and to better communicate their contribution to growth and prosperity.

"Consistent with our longstanding partnership with the OECD, we identified ten priorities that highlight significant challenges that affect our economies to benefit from trade, and how the OECD can help. Governments must address these priorities if we want to strengthen our potential for growth", said Clifford Sosnow, Chair of the Business at OECD Trade Committee and Partner at the law firm Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP.

Business at OECD recognizes the unique role the OECD can play in developing analysis on trade that can guide policymakers and help inform the public. "More than ever, we need the OECD to illustrate the benefits of trade, including evidence on its contribution to jobs, growth, and prosperity", said Bernhard Welschke, Secretary General of Business at OECD.

Business will continue working with the OECD and governments to further identify policy actions that can enable trade and encourage the participation of all into the economy.

About Business at OECD (BIAC)

BIAC speaks for business at the OECD. Established in 1962, we stand for policies that enable businesses of all sizes to contribute to growth, economic development, and prosperity. Through BIAC, national business and employers federations and their members provide expertise to the OECD and governments for competitive economies, better business, and better lives.

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