Paris, 07 October 2021— The global business community actively participated in the 2021 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, chaired by the United States, addressing the theme of “Shared Values” to build a green and inclusive future. Representing the private sector in all aspects of OECD policymaking, Business at OECD (BIAC) conveyed recommendations to OECD Ministers calling for coherent multilateral approaches, evidence-based policymaking, and public-private collaboration.

Our high-level dialogue featured multiple interactions with Economy, Trade, Foreign Affairs, and Finance Ministers from 38 OECD countries and key non-member economies. Senior leaders led by Business at OECD Chairman Rick Johnston formally addressed Ministers during the program identifying concrete steps for a job-rich recovery and the policy dialogue the OECD can facilitate to tackle current environmental and digital challenges and opportunities. “The global business community, represented by Business at OECD, looks to the OECD to advocate for a pro growth agenda, devoted and implemented in collaboration with our business community that will enable us- in the real economy- to maximize the benefits for all people in open markets,” said Rick Johnston. “As Ministers provide new mandates for the OECD, BIAC’s thousands of business experts will work with the Organization to ensure its deliverables can strengthen multilateral cooperation and show its benefits for both business and society.”

The OECD Ministerial outcomes reflected business priorities and input, notably the adoption of a new vision for the Organization as it celebrates its 60th anniversary, a new OECD Indicator Dashboard to guide greening efforts, and an OECD Recommendation on Enhancing Access to and Sharing of Data. Business leaders also reaffirmed the importance of business-to-government dialogue in critical areas where the OECD is advancing an international agenda, including in the field of digital taxation, and also called for foresight and resilience in areas like health policy to better prepare for the future.

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