Paris, 26 January 2022—Yesterday, 38 OECD member countries agreed to open accession discussions with Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Peru, and Romania. This development confirms the centrality of the OECD in global economic governance. The process related to OECD enlargement should be used as a tangible opportunity to affirm the role of market economies and open markets, broaden the reach and impact of OECD standards and best practices, and spur necessary reforms. While the case for each of the six candidate countries will be different, a thorough assessment of the current economic and legal environment—in particular the ability, capacity, and willingness to fully apply the body of OECD standards, instruments and principles—should guide the process.

Officially representing the global business community in all aspects of OECD policymaking, we will play a leading role in providing business perspectives—including opportunities and concerns to be addressed—throughout the process. We look forward to working with our national business organizations to convey structured and comprehensive business input.

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