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Dear Ambassador,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the OECD Council has agreed to invite Costa Rica to become a Participant in the following OECD bodies:

- the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP) and its Working Parties;
- the Committee for Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) and its Working Parties;
- the Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy, which is a subsidiary body of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy.

These Committees believe that the participation by Costa Rica in their work will be of mutual interest and benefit. The invitation to the ICCP Committee recognises Costa Rica's involvement in its work through its adherence to the Recommendation of the Council on Principles for Internet Policy Making.

The invitation to the CIIE reflects your country's focus on issues at the core of the Committee's work, such as the way to draw benefits from global value chains, policy evaluation and industrial policy, innovation and the role of knowledge-based capital, SMEs and entrepreneurship. The CIIE and its working parties will address many of these issues in their meetings in the week of 21-25 October 2013, which we hope Costa Rica will attend.

Finally, the invitation to the Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy is made in recognition of the interest which your government expressed in the Working Party's activities, and the senior level of the participation by Costa Rica as an invitee in the WP's meetings to date.

The terms and modalities of Costa Rica's status of Participant will be determined by the rules, procedures and guidelines established by the Council. This concerns in particular the Council Resolution on Partnerships in OECD Bodies, a copy of which you will find enclosed.

I would be grateful for receiving a confirmation of your government's acceptance of these invitations and the obligations they entail.

I am looking forward to Costa Rica's active participation in these OECD bodies and the mutual benefits this will bring.

Sincerely,

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Attach.: Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies [C(2012)100/FINAL]