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Statement on Report on Enhancing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Economic Forum

As delivered by Political Counselor Bruce Connuck to the Permanent Council, Vienna June 16, 2005

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We welcome the report on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Economic Forum.

This is part of a continuing process to identify ways, both substantive and procedural, to make the Forum and the preparatory meetings that precede it more relevant to the participants.

The value of this report is in the ideas it contains. What we need is not a one-size fits all formula, but, as we find in the report, a range of possible solutions to a dynamic set of substantive and organizational challenges.

Our thanks go to all those who contributed to this report and we encourage the Secretariat to make good use of it and to continue to look for ways to improve the Economic Forum.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.