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**Rome G8+5 Legislators Forum
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OECD Secretary General José Ángel Gurría delivers a key note address for the Club of Rome briefing of G8+5 legislators and government officials on key global issues during the Annual Assembly of GLOBE International on June 12th in Rome.

On the invitation of the Club of Rome, OECD Secretary General Mr. José Ángel Gurría addresses G8+5 legislators on the occasion Rome G8+5 Legislators Forum in the Italian Chamber of Deputies on 12th- 13th June 2009. This briefing session is co-hosted by the GLOBE International and the Club of Rome.

The issues of Climate Change, Environment and Sustainable Growth against the background of the current economic and financial crises build the essence of the Club of Rome briefing.

Mr. José Ángel Gurría starts his address with a strong message to the legislators to build a world economy based on a healthier balance between markets and governments; between financial transactions and the real economy; between reliable regulatory frameworks and responsible companies; between the richest and the poorest; and, most importantly, between high productivity and nature. He underlines that economic growth shall no longer mean destroying our only planet. He pledges for the need to forge together a new economic culture, based on new business ethics and an active ecologic conscience.

The OECD is reviewing its approaches and introducing new instruments designed to help countries to build a stronger, cleaner and fairer global economy. It is also broadening and deepening its coordination with other international organisations in favour of better global governance. "This is why I gladly accepted the invitation by the Club of Rome to join this forward looking discussion", underlines the Secretary General.

He calls for more transparency, reliability and accountability of financial and economic systems in order to build a cleaner global economy. He urges to create strong incentives for "green" investments in order not to seize "the greatest opportunity of our lives".

The OECD is very much concerned by the consequences of the financial and economic crises on developing countries which threaten to revert the progress

achieved during the last years. According to the latest estimates, their financial shortage that could reach 700 billion dollars. "Poverty is rising again and the MDGs are gradually slipping from our hands... This is a tragic reality that calls for global solidarity", stresses Mr. Gurría.

Mr. Gurría underlines the vital role of parliamentarians in the inclusive dialogue between developed and developing countries' decision-makers. "This is indeed a great opportunity to blend our perspectives and ideas, to confront them with the experience and challenges of legislators. ... Your efforts are precious".

Mr. Gurría concluded his address with the expression of a strong hope that new alliances and approaches with help to find a way out of the crisis: "The collaboration between the G8 and the G5 countries is a fertile ground for new beginnings. But we will need the "technology" and political will to make this new reality blossom. The Club of Rome, Global International and OECD and its Heiligendamm Dialogue Process, can provide together this cooperation technology. I am certain that this General Assembly can help to provide the political will."

The full presentation of Mr. Gurría is available on the Club of Rome website.

Further Information:

On the web site of the Club of Rome:
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