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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE TEXTS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH OF THE PRESS  
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ENGLISH TEXT BEGINS:

CDA AND USA TODAY JOINED WITH THE EIGHTEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES  
MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION  
(OECC)(1) IN DECIDING TO SIGN ON THE 14TH OF DEC A CONVENTION  
SETTING UP THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOP-  
MENT(OECD) WHICH WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE OECC.

MINISTERS OF THE TWENTY COUNTRIES, WHO MET IN PARIS ON 13TH, ALSO  
APPROVED A REPORT SETTING FORTH THE ACTIVITIES AND STRUCTURE OF THE  
OECD.

THE REPS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE NEGO-  
TIATIONS, PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING; ALSO PRESENT WERE THE SEC GEN  
OF THE EFTA AND OBSERVERS FROM THE GATT, IBRD AND IMF.

WITH THE RECOVERY AND PROGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY, SUSTAINED  
BY THE GENEROUS AID OF USA AS WELL AS OF CDA, AND FURTHERED BY THE  
CO-OPERATION ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OECC, EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE NOW  
IN A POSITION TO FACE, IN FULL AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH CDA AND  
USA, THE IMPORTANT NEW TASKS AND THE BROADER OBJECTIVES OF TODAY.  
THESE OBJECTIVES ARE SET FORTH IN THE CONVENTION IN THESE TERMS:  
TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT  
AND A RISING STANDARD OF LIVING IN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHILE