

WE HAVE SEEN THE SUCCESS STORIES AMONG THE NEWLY INDUSTRIALIZING ECONOMIES AND THE LESSONS THAT CAN BE LEARNED. THAT SUCCESS DID NOT COME EASILY, BUT RATHER IN THE FACE OF OFTEN CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES. AND WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT WE NEED TO HAVE AN OPEN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THOSE WHO DIRECT THESE IMPORTANT ECONOMIES. CLEARLY, THEREFORE, OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST EFFORT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP SYSTEMATICALLY.

THE SEMINAR AND THE WORKSHOPS MUST BE THE STARTING POINT IN A DYNAMIC PROCESS, AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME ISOLATED EVENTS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE OECD CAN ALSO EXTEND THEIR CONTACTS WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOT. THE OECD IS WELL PLACED TO UNDERTAKE COORDINATION OF FURTHER ANALYTICAL WORK ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE. IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ORGANIZATION SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO REQUESTS FROM CMEA COUNTRIES FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY AND TECHNICAL ADVICE TO BOLSTER ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY AND REFORM.

IN THIS BROAD DIMENSION OF OUR WORK, WE CAN LEARN MUCH FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND FROM NON-MEMBERS. WE NEED TO REMAIN OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND NEW STRUCTURES.

IN SUCH ACTIVITIES, AS IN OUR WORK ON DEVELOPMENT AND ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THEREFORE, FLEXIBILITY, INNOVATION AND IMAGINATION MUST BE OUR WATCHWORDS.