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Business at OECD (BIAC) welcomes ANDI as Colombian member

Paris, 14th May, 2020 – Following Colombia’s formal accession to the OECD as 37th Member State last month, we are pleased to officially welcome the National Business Association of Colombia—ANDI—as the Colombian affiliate of *Business at OECD*.

Our collaboration with the Colombian business community spans eight years when ANDI joined our Observer program. Our work with leading business organizations from non-OECD countries brings business expertise and enables participation in our business groups and liaison with OECD bodies.

We also provided input to the accession of Colombia, which formally started in 2013. As the official business advisory body to the OECD, *Business at OECD* values the thorough process that takes place in each accession process as it encourages countries to improve their business environment and engage in the necessary reforms.

Commenting on ANDI’s participation in our work, Bruce Mac Master, President of ANDI stated, “amidst the difficult times we face nowadays, there is always good news. Colombia is now part of OECD and ANDI, as representative of Colombia’s private sector, has become a full member of *Business at OECD*. It is an excellent opportunity to share best practices with our global partners and to drive new solutions for a changing world, where general well-being will be one of our highest priorities.”

Russel Mills, *Business at OECD* Secretary General, commented: “we are delighted to have ANDI formally join as member. It allows us to successfully convene the growing global business community in OECD countries and key partners. More than ever our expanding business network depends on effective engagement with policy makers to ensure an enabling environment to support trade and investment in global markets. The adherence to OECD standards and instruments, and their reliable implementation, are critical for more productive and competitive economies.”

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