

Selection of the OECD Secretary-General

Report from the Chair of the Selection Committee on the outcome of the fifth round of consultations

Meeting of the Heads of Delegation

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1. The process to select the OECD Secretary-General is established by the OECD Council under C(2016)70, which states that the Chair of the Selection Committee shall conduct confidential individual consultations with the Members, in order to narrow the field of candidates and ultimately identify the candidate around whom consensus can be built for appointment as Secretary-General. At the final stage of consultations, the Chair shall identify the candidate that has the most support to be proposed to the Council for appointment as Secretary-General.
2. On 8 March 2021, the Dean of the Ambassadors, and Chair of the Selection Committee, Ambassador Sharrock (UK), conducted the fifth round of confidential individual consultations with the Heads of Delegations of all OECD Members.
3. In each round of consultations, the Chair is accompanied by a Member of the Selection Committee, who witnesses and validates the conclusions being drawn by the Chair. In the fifth round, Ambassador Galvan (Mexico) played this role.
4. In this round, all Members were asked to identify their preferred candidate. On the basis of this information, aggregate levels of support for each candidate were identified. Following discussion with the Selection Committee, the Chair's conclusions were finalised and these were communicated first to the nominating ambassadors, and then to the Heads of Delegations in plenary.
5. Following these consultations, the Chair has been unable to identify which candidate has the most support.
6. Further steps will be taken in March, with the aim of concluding the process.