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DRAFT OUTLINE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 1999 WORKSHOP ON WASTE MINIMISATION AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

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*** FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ***

Spring 1999 Workshop on
Waste Minimisation (WM) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

To be Hosted by the Government of Japan, in Paris
(during the first week of May 1999)

Possible Title
Toward a New Generation of Government Policy Options for
Waste Minimisation and Extended Producer Responsibility

Duration
3.5 - 4 days

Possible Sessions

- Introduction, Context

- Trends in Waste Minimisation and Extended Producer Responsibility

- Extended Producer Responsibility (1.5 days)
  - address outstanding issues concerning the Guidance Manual for Governments
  - examine issues surrounding different product categories, sectors or waste streams
  - identify EPR policy options and possible principles

- Waste Minimisation (1.5 days)
  - consolidate policy-relevant findings from on-going work on waste prevention performance indicators
  - examine approaches and proposals for evaluating waste hierarchy questions
  - address outstanding issues from WM work to date (e.g., prioritisation methods for setting performance objectives)
  - identify policy options and government self-assessment principles for integrated WM

- Future Directions and Outlook
  - drivers for WM/EPR over the next 10 - 20 years, e.g., consumer roles toward a "closed loop society"; concerns regarding SMEs; links to climate change issues; economic instruments and product policies; looking forward -- international agenda.
  - global perspectives: observations from U.N., other international organisations, non-member countries, industry, and environmental citizen organisations.

- Conclusions
  - overall summary and findings;
  - role of governments; and
  - role of OECD.