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THE PARIS DECLARATION

The heads of language and conference services of 76 international organisations met at the OECD in Paris from 21 to 23 June 2010 for the International Annual Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications (IAMLADP).

Facing a global shortage of qualified linguists, the participants stressed the need for more awareness-raising in schools and universities concerning the importance of language learning and the career opportunities for skilled language professionals.

Without a new generation of trained linguists and professionals with language skills, international organizations will be unable to perform their vital tasks.

The IAMLADP member organizations therefore urged:

- their governing bodies to ensure the necessary budgetary resources in order to achieve effective succession planning, including awareness-raising, pedagogical assistance activities and respective language admission examination.
- the national authorities to promote the teaching of languages throughout the education system in order to ensure that young people can take advantage of the vast range of employment openings in international organizations.

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