Comments on Fiscal Challenges for the OECD and Europe over the Coming 50 Years by Henrik Braconier

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Figure 1  Public Spending on Pensions as % of GDP in the EU Member States (2010-2060)

Elderly population (65 and over) as % of total population

Sources: European Commission, The 2012 Ageing Report, MHLW.
Figure 2  Public Spending on Health Care as % of GDP in the EU Member Countries (2010-2060)

Elderly population (65 and over) as % of total population

Sources: European Commission, The 2012 Ageing Report, MHLW.
Figure 3  Public Spending on Long-term care as % of GDP
In the EU Member Countries (2010-2060)

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Questions

- Review of public/private cost sharing in health care seems to be difficult politically in many countries because of strong sense of universalism. Are there any other effective measures to cut health care cost?

- Is it possible to improve access to child care and long-term care for the elderly in countries where public finances will be strained? If not, it seems to be difficult to raise female employment rate due to increasing family responsibilities.