

### **Fears for BRINKZ Group Economies. OECD Says Worst is Yet to Come.**

Prime Minister Gordon Brown brushed off criticism today for taking Britain into the RINKZ Group. 'Britain's presence in this important grouping is vital to the economic recovery of the world,' he said at Prime Minister's Questions. The Leader of the Opposition accused him, to howls of laughter from the Tory benches, of bringing Britain 'to the brink.'

Formerly the RINKZ Group (Russia, Iran, North Korea and Zimbabwe), this became the BRINKZ Group when Britain joined in December 2009. Economic growth is predicted to fall by 17% in the second quarter of 2010.