MINISTERIO
DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES
Y DE COOPERACIÓN

El Ministro

Ms. Helen Darbishire
Executive Director
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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your joint letter on progress on aid transparency. The new government wants to make transparency a cornerstone of its overall policy, including in the development area. Building on progress already made in previous years, we are currently working in various ways to increasing the quality, quantity, accessibility, predictability and timeliness of our data.

In January 2012, Spain launched the first place of its INFO@OD project, an online data collection and consultation system. In the future this system will provide us with the technical possibility to collect and publish real-time flows, data on future flows and information on evaluation and aid-effectiveness issues.

Within the framework of the Working Party of Statistics of the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD, a study is been carried out on non-ODA flows with a developmental impact.

In November 2011, Spain implemented the first phase of IATI. Although still not able to completely comply with the IATI standard, improvements are being made and Spain will actively participate in the design and implementation of new transparency requirements within as well as beyond the IATI framework.

Our commitments on transparency in development cooperation are part of the Spanish Open Government Partnership Action Plan. These commitments, as well as those we took up in Busan, will be leading in our efforts to become more transparent on our development information.

Yours sincerely,

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