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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

On behalf of Ms Micheline Calmy-Rey, Federal Councillor, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, I am pleased to respond to your letter dated 28 June, 2010, regarding the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) and the forthcoming meeting of the IATI signatories, on 7 July, in Paris.

Switzerland shares your concern for more transparency in the aid system and endeavours to make its contribution in this regard.

As you know, Switzerland has adhered to IATI about a year ago, and since then has actively participated in the design of the systems to be put in place. We see IATI as a good opportunity and incentive to improve the quality and relevance of the information we provide to national and international stakeholders.

Switzerland will have to undertake significant adaptation measures and further develop its statistical and information systems so as to be in a position to fully apply IATI standards. We are committed to leading the process as swiftly as possible, while seeking to be thorough, practical and economical. We thus envisage implementation of IATI phase 1 by end of 2011, or early 2012.

It is with these considerations in mind that we look forward to substantive discussions on 7 July, at which the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC will be duly represented.

Yours sincerely,

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC

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