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9th July 2010

Ms Karin Christiansen,
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Dear Ms. Christiansen,

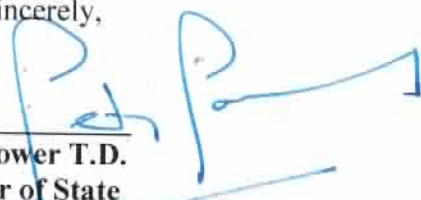
I refer to your letter on the meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) at the OECD in Paris on July 7th.

Ireland is committed to aid effectiveness and to implementing the Accra Agenda for Action including its commitments on the transparency of aid. Ireland has performed very well in the 2008 monitoring survey of the Paris Declaration. The recent OECD DAC Peer Review of Ireland has commended our commitment to implementing the aid effectiveness agenda. I am committed to ensuring that we improve further on this good track record.

The International Aid Transparency Initiative is to be commended for its efforts to improve standards of transparency and accountability. It is important that the standards agreed contribute to the production of useful, timely and comprehensive information that enables effective planning and accountability to citizens. We will engage closely with the Initiative in this regard. One of my officials, Ms Paula Nolan, participated in the IATI meeting at the OECD in Paris on the 07th July.

I wish you every success with your work.

Yours sincerely,


Peter Power T.D.
Minister of State