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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October 2015.

Your continued engagement with the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and its subsidiary bodies, including the Working Party on Development Finance Statistics (WP-STAT), is very welcome.

Regarding the proposal to which you refer in your letter, I can assure you that the discussions within the Working Party on Development Finance Statistics have been very promising. The Working Party carefully reviewed an update of the proposal in May 2015 and asked the Secretariat to assess its feasibility in time for its November meeting. The conclusions of the assessment conducted by the Secretariat show that the proposal is feasible and can be implemented, but recommend some further adjustments prior to implementation.

For the meeting of the Working Party on Development Finance Statistics on Monday 2 November 2015, I am pleased to inform you that the proposal is the first major item on the agenda, showing the importance placed on this crucial topic. The Secretariat has also invited the Working Party to discuss a timeline for finalising the proposal for approval, ideally by the end of 2015.

I have no doubt that the Working Party on Development Finance Statistics will look at the proposal with careful attention and make all possible efforts to come to a consensus on the conditions for implementation, taking fully into account the important commitments made by members in Busan in December 2011.

Let me assure you that I will follow closely the discussions of the Working Party and welcome again our transparent and constructive dialogue to make the DAC statistical system fit for purpose in the post-2015 era.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee

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