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Dear President Kaberuka,

**Subject: Congratulations on signing IATI and delivering aid transparency for the Fourth High Level Forum in November in Busan**

We are writing to **congratulate you on becoming a signatory to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)** and the second international financial institution to join the Initiative since its inception in Accra in 2008.

As you know, at the most recent IATI meeting on 9 February 2011, an agreement of a common standard for aid information was reached. This historic agreement will ensure that the wider goals on aid effectiveness are achievable, particularly those relating to supporting partner country ownership and development effectiveness. It also provides a consistent and coherent framework for meeting the aid transparency commitments of the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA).

In the run up to the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in Busan at the end of this year, donors have an opportunity to demonstrate where progress has been made. By signing up to implementing a common aid transparency standard for HLF-4, the African Development Bank is at the forefront of efforts to achieve a new consensus on aid and development, underpinned by improved effectiveness and impact of aid.

With seven months to go until Busan, the focus on implementation is critical, starting with implementation schedules and ensuring that systems (financial, operational and IT) are made ready to deliver the information.

We believe that aid transparency is an area in which donors will be able to demonstrate real progress at Busan, with implementation of IATI being crucial to that success. As a leading agency on aid effectiveness, we would like to enlist your support in promoting the topic as a key theme, and as a cross-cutting issue at HLF-4. In practice this means that:

- Aid transparency remains a **core principle** of further implementation of the Aid Effectiveness principles or political outcome document at Busan;
- The IATI standard is **recognised as the international common standard** for sharing timely, comprehensive and comparable aid information;
- The principles and standards developed by IATI are **actively promoted** as the best mechanism for stakeholders to deliver on improved aid transparency and greater aid effectiveness at Busan.

Once again we would like to congratulate you on becoming a signatory to IATI and we look forward to working with you to ensure its success at HLF-4.

Yours sincerely,

**Gerry Barr**, President of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation and Better Aid, Reality of Aid and the Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness and member of the IATI Steering Committee.

**Karin Christiansen**, Director, Publish What You Fund and member of the IATI Steering Committee.

**Warren Krafchik**, Director, International Budget Partnership and member of the IATI Steering Committee.

**Cobus de Swardt**, Managing Director, Transparency International and member of the IATI Steering Committee and signatory of the International Non-Governmental Organisations Accountability Charter.

The logo for BetterAid, featuring the word "Better" in black and "Aid" in green.The logo for CCIC CCCI, featuring the text "CCIC CCCI" with a circular icon between them, and the tagline "CANADA'S COALITION TO END GLOBAL POVERTY ENSEMBLE POUR ÉLIMINER LA PAUVRETÉ DANS LE MONDE" below.The logo for IBP (International Budget Partnership), featuring the letters "IBP" in blue and orange, with the tagline "INTERNATIONAL BUDGET PARTNERSHIP Open Budgets. Transform Lives." to the right.The logo for the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness, featuring a stylized icon of three overlapping circles and the text "Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness".The logo for Publish What You Fund, featuring the word "Publish" in a blue speech bubble and "What You Fund" in blue, with the tagline "The Global Campaign for Aid Transparency" below.The logo for "The Reality of Aid", featuring the title in white serif font on a red background, with the subtitle "An Independent Review of Poverty Reduction and Development Assistance" below.The logo for Transparency International, featuring a stylized globe icon and the text "TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL the global coalition against corruption".