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Dear Karin Christiansen

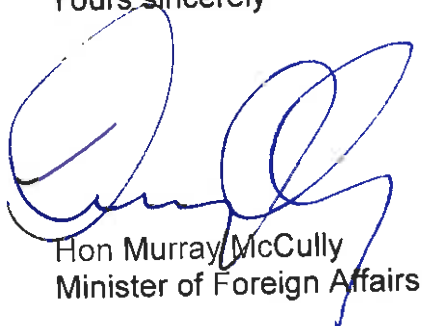
Thank you for your email of 18 March 2011 regarding New Zealand's support for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), and the importance of aid transparency for the High Level Forum in November 2011 in Busan.

As you note, an important step was made at the IATI Steering Committee meeting in February 2011, with the agreement of a common standard for aid information. It provides a consistent and coherent framework for meeting aid transparency commitments.

With agreement of the IATI standard for aid information, the focus now moves to implementation. We are currently undertaking an assessment of our systems for readiness to deliver the required information. Following this assessment we will confirm our implementation schedule with IATI.

New Zealand continues to be a firm supporter of the aid transparency commitments made at the High Level Forum in Accra in 2008 and to the IATI process. The High Level Forum in Busan will provide an important opportunity to demonstrate what progress has been made.

Yours sincerely



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