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Dear Karin,

Thank you for your email of 25 January enclosing a letter from a number of non-governmental organisations about the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI). I appreciate your support for the UK's leadership on this.

The Coalition Government remains fully committed to transparency including in all of its spending on international development. IATI is an integral part of the UK Aid Transparency Guarantee that will make our aid fully transparent to citizens in both the UK and in recipient countries. I hope that the IATI Steering Committee meeting in Paris on 9 February will agree an ambitious international standard for aid transparency. The Department for International Development (DFID) continues to promote the benefits of transparency for all stakeholders in the UK and overseas – it is absolutely necessary if we are to deliver better value for money and better results for poor people.

I am very pleased that DFID recently published its first set of data against the IATI standard. We will share our experience on implementation at the Steering Committee to demonstrate that it can be done.



Agreeing the IATI standard will provide a platform from which to build towards the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Korea. I agree it is important that all IATI signatories make clear their implementation schedules so that collectively we can lead by example and demonstrate that such transparency makes a difference.

Transparency is a shared agenda between DFID and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). IATI provides a common standard for all providers of aid to publish information in a comparable and consistent way. I hope that CSOs are similarly planning to apply the IATI standards of transparency.

I assure you that I will be using all available opportunities to influence my counterparts to agree an ambitious standard in and look forward to working together to ensure that we all implement that standard.

With kind regards

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