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Dear Ms. Christiansen,

Many thanks for your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> March and for your good wishes on my appointment.

The Irish Aid programme has an excellent reputation internationally, and I am committed to ensuring that this reputation is maintained. We believe that our aid programme should result in positive change for poor people in developing countries. Improving the effectiveness of how aid is delivered is vitally important to ensure that those whom we are assisting have ownership of the development process.

As we prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum in Busan, we will continue to ensure that the commitments made in the Accra Agenda for Action are implemented. Transparency and accountability are important elements of our response and are powerful tools for ensuring local ownership of development.

Since 2008 Ireland has played a leading role in strengthening the commitment of donors and developing countries to be more accountable to each other.

Our engagement with the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) continues to be an important part of our work on transparency and accountability. We recognise its importance in providing a common standard for publishing information, allowing collation and comparability across agencies and countries.

Yours sincerely,



**Jan O'Sullivan T.D.**  
Minister of State