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Dear Karin Christiansen

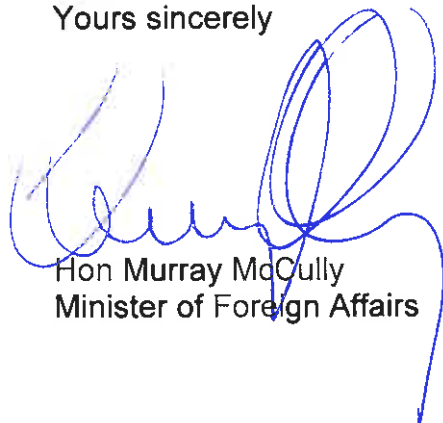
Thank you for your email of 26 January 2011 regarding New Zealand's support for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), and the importance of the Signatory and Steering Committee meeting on 9 February in Paris.

New Zealand continues to be a firm supporter of the aid transparency commitments made at the High Level Forum in Accra in 2008. We continue to endorse the IATI process as providing a framework for delivering on these commitments in a consistent and coherent manner.

As you note, New Zealand has played an active role in IATI and the development of the IATI Standard. Although a New Zealand representative was unavailable to attend the Paris meeting, we have remained fully engaged, including active participation in pre-meeting consultations. The Australian delegation covered the meeting on our behalf.

We are hopeful that the Paris meeting endorses an effective and practical Standard that will deliver real benefits, making information about aid easier to access, use and understand.

Yours sincerely



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