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Karin Christensen
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Dear Ms Christensen

Thank you for your letter dated March 17th 2011 regarding IATI and the transparency agenda.

I can assure you that Norway firmly supports transparency in international development. I will therefore continue to press for greater emphasis on openness as a core principle in our development cooperation.

In connection with this, I am pleased to announce the launch of a new portal for statistical data on development assistance from the 1960s to the present. This database will be available in English in late May this year. Inspired by our common quest for greater openness, we are also planning to launch a complementary database for live aid data towards the end of this year, hopefully prior to the high-level meeting.

I am pleased to note from your letter that making data on Norwegian development cooperation available to all those who are interested is consistent with the goals and objectives of IATI. We will stay in touch with the Secretariat regarding the launch of the websites, and how they can be linked to the global transparency network of the IATI.

I wish you every success in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely

Erik Solheim