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Dear Minister Friis Bach

### **Delivering on Denmark's promise of full IATI implementation**

We the undersigned organisations, are writing as twelve months have now passed since the date by which it was stated within [Denmark's International Aid Transparency Initiative \(IATI\) implementation schedule](#) that Denmark would make an initial publication to the [IATI Registry](#).

Thanks to strong support from Denmark and other champions, transparency was deemed a shared principle and foundation for effective development cooperation for the first time in Busan (§ 11d, [Busan Agreement](#)). As you know the agreement reached also included the commitment to aim for full implementation of the common standard by 2015 (§ 23c). Furthermore, you may know that Denmark performed well in the recently launched [Publish What You Fund 2012 Aid Transparency Index](#) with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs ranking [6th out of 72 agencies](#). We congratulate you for this.

However, Denmark has now missed its own deadline by which to begin publishing to IATI by twelve months<sup>1</sup>. We therefore urge you to ensure that Denmark builds on its progress to date and delivers on the Busan commitments by:

- **beginning publishing to IATI in [IATI XML](#) format in 2012;**
- **releasing a more complete dataset in 2013;**
- building IATI into Denmark's systems to ensure a **high-quality, automated and timely publication;**
- publishing budget information at activity levels (such as evaluations and results);
- **implementing IATI fully by December 2015.**

We look forward to further engaging with you and your officials as Denmark continues making taking steps towards greater aid transparency.

Yours sincerely

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Poul Riiskjær Mogensen, Chair, **Transparency International Denmark**

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<sup>1</sup> Within Denmark's IATI Implementation Schedule it was stated that an *'initial set of IATI data will be published 1 October 2011'*, <http://www.aidtransparency.net/implementation>



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