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Dear Minister Corydon

Including aid transparency within Denmark's Open Government Partnership Action Plan

As Denmark prepares to submit its Open Government Partnership (OGP) Action Plan for April 2012, we the undersigned civil society organisations are writing to encourage you to use this opportunity to build on the aid transparency commitmentsⁱ made at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in December 2011 and build on your progress within the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) process.

We would like to see more specific action points relating to the transparency of aid and related flows included within Denmark's OGP Action Plan. Through the commitments already delivered by OGP founding members, including the UK and U.S., the links between the OGP and IATI agenda's have been made explicitⁱⁱ, as has the potential for OGP participation to complement the IATI process and vice versa. Thus it might be appropriate to include the following steps within the Action Plan:

- Beginning to publish Denmark's aid information in line with Denmark's IATI Implementation Schedule (released 16/05/2011ⁱⁱⁱ);
- Setting a timetable for publication of development-related flows, including climate finance;
- Implementing IATI fully by December 2015.

We look forward to working with you and your officials in the future as Denmark continues to make progress in this important area.

Yours sincerely

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ⁱ § 23 c of the Final Busan Outcome Document agreed on 1st December 2011

(http://www.aideffectiveness.org/busanhlf4/images/stories/hlf4/OUTCOME_DOCUMENT_FINAL_EN.pdf)

outlines the commitment to:

'Implement a common, open standard for electronic publication of timely, comprehensive and forward-looking information on resources provided through development co-operation, taking into account the statistical reporting of the OECD-DAC and the complementary efforts of the International Aid Transparency Initiative and others. This standard must meet the information needs of developing countries and non-state actors, consistent with national requirements. We will agree on this standard and publish our respective schedules to implement it by December 2012, with the aim of implementing it fully by December 2015.'

ⁱⁱ For example the U.K made the following OGP Commitment on 19/12/2011

(<http://www.opengovpartnership.org/countries/united-kingdom/>):

We will publish aid information from all government departments who spend overseas development assistance (ODA) in line with the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) standards, extending coverage to other departments in addition to the Department for International Development. Within 12 months, we will have agreed a clear timetable for publication of aid information with relevant departments.

ⁱⁱⁱ IATI Implementation Schedule: Denmark (16/05/2011), <http://www.aidtransparency.net/implementation>