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Cc: Villa Kulild, Director General, Norad;

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Dear Minister Holmås

Publishing Norway's IATI implementation schedule by the end of December 2012

We, the undersigned, ask you to ensure that Norway honours its commitment to the [International Aid Transparency Initiative](#) (IATI) and subsequent commitments made in Busan at the [Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness](#) (HLF-4) through making public how Norway plans to implement IATI. As stated in the [Busan Agreement](#) (§ 23c) this is due by the end of 2012.

Transparency was deemed a shared principle and foundation for effective development cooperation for the first time in Busan (§ 11d). As you know the agreement reached also included the commitment to aim for full implementation of the common standard by 2015 (§ 23c).

In order to meet these commitments and deliver on aid transparency we would recommend that within Norway's implementation schedule you make ambitious commitments to:

- **begin publishing to IATI in the [IATI XML](#) format in 2013;**
- publish budget information at organisation, country and activity levels (such as evaluations and results);
- refresh information on at least a quarterly basis;
- **implement IATI fully by December 2015.**

Finally, you may be aware that as an original signatory to IATI Norway scored disappointingly within the recently launched [Publish What You Fund 2012 Aid Transparency Index](#) with NORAD ranking **[35th out of 72 agencies](#)**. However, the Index also highlights that information available in NORAD's searchable database in English and Norwegian can be downloaded to CSV or Excel - this would make it relatively easy to convert to the IATI format for an initial publication. We urge you to make these changes.

We look forward to further engaging with you and your officials as Norway makes progress towards greater aid transparency.

Yours sincerely

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