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To: Members of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your inputs to our very successful meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) earlier this month. I think we have made significant progress on reaching consensus on the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA).

Since we met, I have been working to produce a final draft of the AAA based on your comments and the decisions reached by WP-EFF, including chairing a very productive meeting of the Consensus Group in Paris this week. I now attach a further draft of the AAA and ask your permission, on a no-objection basis, to submit this to HLF-3 participants for endorsement in Accra. As agreed at WP-EFF, this draft will be circulated to all HLF participants on 8 August and will also be put on the Accra HLF website.

As we move to this final stage in the preparations for Accra, I would like to emphasise the significance of this AAA and the process that has produced it. Our preparations for HLF-3 have included an unprecedented level of consultation with a broad range of stakeholders to produce an action agenda that is truly owned and understood by all who will attend HLF-3 and be affected by its agreements.

Through the work of WP-EFF and its joint ventures, the regional preparatory consultations, the partner country contact group, the Advisory Group on Civil Society and the non-DAC donor group, we have ensured that the views of more than 80 partner countries, some 60 CSOs, all DAC donors and many non-traditional providers of development assistance have fed into this draft. The investment of time, energy and financial resources by all of us involved in this process has ensured we have a AAA which will support real progress in important areas such as predictability, use of country systems and strengthening accountability for results. I am proud of this achievement – I have not seen its equal in other processes – and I think you should be proud too.

It is important to understand that a document of this kind has to strike certain compromises in order to reach consensus among the various stakeholders. However I feel strongly convinced that the extraordinary consultation process and the resulting AAA proposal will have a strong impact on increasing aid effectiveness in the coming years.

I also attach, for your information, the covering letter to HLF-3 participants which will accompany the draft AAA on 8th August. This letter sets out my proposed arrangements for the final agreement on the AAA at Accra.

I am ready to take account of comments submitted by 5 August that do not affect the careful balance that has been struck in our extensive discussion process. However, any remaining critical concerns or proposals that your Ministers wish to advance should be addressed as set out in the AAA cover letter.

Thank you again for your hard work and support, and I look forward to a successful conference in Accra.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Cedergren', written over a large, stylized, light-colored scribble or watermark.

Jan Cedergren