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PARIS21 Final Expenditure and Narrative Report for Grant Number DI290305

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the terms of the arrangement¹ between the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) — under grant number DI290305 (DGF file 401010-05) — I have the pleasure to submit to you below a final narrative report on progress made towards achieving the grant's overall objectives. The arrangement represents a contribution of 700,000 U.S. dollars to PARIS21 (hosted by the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate). The present report covers the entire life of the grant (17 December 2009 to 31 December 2010) and supplements the attached final expenditure report dated 7 April 2011.

Grant Objectives

According to the terms of the arrangement, the contribution is intended to finance components of the PARIS21 work programme, in particular those components concerned with support to national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS). The NSDS component of the PARIS21 work programme includes elements such as: advocacy, partnership, reporting, studies and task teams, and NSDS roll-out through regional programmes in conjunction with international and regional partners. The grant is intended to support all of these elements.

Progress in Achieving Programme Goals

The grant enabled PARIS21 to fund activities across these programme elements. Specifically, the grant financed the intellectual contributions of Secretariat staff and consultants to country NSDS processes, including in Bhutan, Congo-Brazzaville, DR Congo, Fiji, Honduras, Rwanda, Samoa, and Tonga. On this grant, PARIS21 also financed work on a regional strategy for the development of statistics in East Africa, joint work with the FAO on the development of agricultural statistics, and an evaluation of statistical training needs in Guinea-Bissau and Liberia. In addition, PARIS21 funded the organisation of a meeting on statistical issues for fragile states in the margins of the 2010 UN Statistical Commission and the participation of a dozen developing country statisticians from around the world to both events. Lastly, the grant helped cover costs related to the functioning of the Secretariat, including the organisation of the June 2010 series of PARIS21 Meetings (Steering Committee, Board, Donors, and Seminar).

In the first interim report dated 8 September 2010, I drew your attention to the fact that expenditure on the "missions" budget line of the interim expenditure report had exceeded original forecasts. To date, you have not expressed your disagreement with this change nor requested a revised breakdown by budget line for validation. I therefore assume that this change is acceptable to the Bank.

¹ *FY2010 Development Grant Facility Window 1: PARIS21 Work Program – Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics*



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for the support that the World Bank has given to PARIS21 since its creation, and I am at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meh", written over a set of horizontal lines.

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