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Dear Bob,

**CONSULTATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS ON EXPORT CREDITS: 5 NOVEMBER 2007**

I write further to the above-mentioned meeting and your follow-up letter dated 5 November in which you advise that ECA Watch sees no purpose in continuing to engage in such meetings since you consider that these are not consultations in any accepted, substantive sense of the term and that you will aim for meaningful consultations concerning guidelines and regulations for Export Credit Agencies in other relevant international and regional bodies.

First, may I express my regret that ECA Watch chose to walk out of the 5 November Consultation just ten minutes before the end of a constructive dialogue, which, by that time, had overrun by nearly one hour. There had been equal time allowed for BIAC and ECA Watch to raise their issues and during the discussion on ECA Watch's subjects, several OECD Members had entered into a dialogue and offered comments, including on specific projects. Therefore, your letter of 5 November is disappointing, seemingly ignoring the reality of the meeting.

However, I would like to look forward to future interaction with CSOs and, in this connection, you will note from the summary of the 112<sup>th</sup> ECG Meeting, which will be made available on the OECD website, that Members agreed to continue to engage with CSOs, where appropriate deepen bilateral contacts with CSOs and consider further modalities for peer reviews and future CSOs consultations. In addition, the ECG's Environmental Practitioners will consider at their next meeting how CSOs could contribute to the building of a body of experience in the implementation of the 2007 Recommendation on the environment. In the light of these decisions, I would hope that ECA Watch would continue to participate with the other CSOs in future consultations.

Finally, the OECD Secretariat (Janet WEST and her colleagues) is available for bilateral discussions with ECA Watch as Janet indicated at the meeting with you in her office last month (29 October).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet West'.

for: Nicole BOLLEN

Chairman of the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit  
and of the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits

c.c.: Mr. Brendan BERNE, Chairman of the CSO Consultation and Vice-Chairman of the OECD Export Credit Committees  
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