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SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: E-MAIL DATED 12 MAY 2006

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Subject: Agenda suggestions for May 29th consultation

Sent: Fri 12-May-2006 4:56 PM

Dear Janet,

Further to your letter of May 2, 2006, the following are some suggestions for the agenda of the May 29th consultation.

We have already outlined many of our experiences with the implementation of the 2003 OECD Recommendation in our letter of January 6, 2006. (By the way, we have not received a formal acknowledgement of your receipt of this letter.)

Given the brief time available in a half day, it would be advisable I think to focus on the most important points, which I believe are the need for more detailed and comprehensive ECA policies, structures and reporting formats for:

- transparency,
- consultation and participation of affected communities in project design *and* implementation and
- ex-post monitoring and compliance

In past consultations, we have found that the format whereby we present our experiences and views on all these issues can be somewhat stilted and not really a meaningful form of consultation.

We would like to suggest that the agenda provide time for ECA representatives to respond to the views and recommendations outlined in our letter of January 6, 2006. This would provide us with an opportunity to have a true dialogue about what is feasible and to have a better understanding of both the potential and the limits foreseen by ECAs in drafting a new Common Approaches Recommendation.

Time permitting, it would be good to have a discussion of the extent to which the Common Approaches currently meet international best practices, since two of the stated aims of the Recommendation are to promote coherence with "the international obligations of national governments on environmental protection" and to promote "good environmental practice". This could include a review of which standards, including sectoral standards as well as baseline common standards, might enhance such coherence.

I would be pleased to discuss with you how such an agenda might be structured to make the best use of the time we have available.

Yours sincerely,

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