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Ms. Birgitta Nygren
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Re: September consultation with NGOs

Dear Ms. West and Ms. Nygren,

As you know, our organizations have been actively involved in Export Credit Agency (ECA) reform for many years, and we encourage the increasing openness of the dialogue on this issue, including at the last OECD-sponsored Forum in April, 2003. In view of the upcoming consultation scheduled for September 15, 2003, we would like to request broader NGO participation at the ECG consultation than has until now been allowed. In light of the commitment by ECG members to revise the Common Approaches this year, many of our colleagues from various regions, including project-affected countries, are interested in listening and contributing to the consultation. Thus, we respectfully request that you make available as many as 20 seats for self-selected NGO representatives, in addition to the 6 or so places typically provided for NGO participants.

We also respectfully request to be provided well in advance with the same draft of the Revision 7 that will be shared with the ECG members prior to the September 15 meeting. By providing the draft Revision 7 in advance to NGOs, the ECG will demonstrate a commitment to meaningful public participation.

Sincerely,

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