LAUNCH OF THE 2006 SURVEY ON MONITORING THE PARIS DECLARATION

Delegates are kindly requested to transmit the attached letter to their authorities for action.

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To: DAC Delegates

Madam, Sir,

**Launch of the 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration**
**Letter to Donors**

The survey documentation of the 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration was posted on our web on May 2nd, as planned. Members of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness have also received a message to confirm the action and to request their support.

You will find attached a copy of the letter of 11 May that was sent to the Partner Countries who endorsed the Paris Declaration, to solicit their participation in the 2006 Survey. We would now like to request your support to forward the attached letter on the same subject to your authorities. This will enable them to request aid managers in the participating developing countries to actively participate in the process of the Survey.

We thank you for supporting this important effort, and we look forward to sharing results with you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Roeskau
Madam, Sir

RE: Launch of the 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

In line with a key Paris Declaration commitment to periodically assess implementation progress, the international community has developed a Survey for monitoring implementation at the country level. We are writing to share the Survey and its documentation with you. As we are sure you concur, we believe that the monitoring process can contribute in an important way to improving the impact of aid on development. It is valuable not only as a statistical exercise to assess where countries stand with respect to implementation, but also as an impetus for partner countries and donors to engage on how to move forward to meet the Paris commitments.

The Survey itself, the product of substantial discussions among donors and partner countries, represents our collective best efforts at this point to create a mechanism to establish baselines against which we can measure our progress in future years. The Survey encompasses questions related to most of the Paris indicators; several other indicators rely on analytic work that the World Bank is leading, in consultation with partner country governments and donor partners at the country level.

The survey is being undertaken in some 60 partner countries that have endorsed the Paris Declaration (see the attached link). Each country is asked to carry out appropriate consultations, consolidate all responses, and submit the Survey results to the OECD-DAC Secretariat by August 15.

Your institution's active participation in the Survey in the countries where it is being undertaken will be a significant factor in its success. We would greatly appreciate it if you could personally signal the importance of this exercise to your staff in all of the Paris Declaration countries where your agency has programs. We also very much look forward to learning from this year's monitoring effort, including from your own experiences, which will inform the later rounds of monitoring in 2008 and 2010.

We thank you for supporting this important effort, and we look forward to sharing the results with you.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:

Please consult www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/parisdeclaration/members for a list of countries adhering to the Paris Declaration.

The documents that provide the basis for managing the Survey can be downloaded at:
www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/monitoring
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RE: Launch of the 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

In line with a key Paris Declaration commitment to periodically assess progress using country mechanisms, we have the pleasure of sharing with you the Survey documentation for monitoring the implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. This Survey, the first of three rounds of monitoring (2006, 2008 & 2010), is critical to establish the baseline against which future progress will be measured on a country-by-country basis.

We believe you share our view that the survey process can contribute in an important way to improving the impact of aid on your country’s development. Its value lies not only as a statistical exercise to assess systematically where your country is with respect to implementation, but also as a means of engaging your donor partners on how to move forward concretely to meet the mutual commitments undertaken in the Paris Declaration. With this in mind, the deadline date for submitting the survey to the OECD-DAC Secretariat is set for August 15, which should allow time for the country level discussions.

If you have not done so, we would greatly appreciate if you could confirm that your country will take part in the Survey and provide the OECD-DAC Secretariat (simon.mizrahi@oecd.org) with the name of the National Coordinator appointed by your Government to manage the Survey at country level. More information is available in the attached Explanatory Note.

As additional information, please note that this survey encompasses questions related to Paris Indicators 3-10 and 12. The baseline for Paris Indicators 1 and 11 will be set through coordinated work that the World Bank is leading, in consultation with you and your donor partners. The World Bank will contact you separately regarding this work.

We believe that the Survey is a notable achievement which will help materially in encouraging the delivery of the commitments included in the Paris Declaration.

Yours sincerely,

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