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Dear Mr Godinot,

I am responding to your letter dated 19 September 2003. First, on behalf of the Working Party on Export Credit and Credit Guarantees (ECG), I would like to thank you for actively participating in the latest consultation meeting of the ECG and Stakeholders held on 15 September 2003. We appreciated that such a large number of NGOs could be represented to provide us with various points of view on the work of the ECG.

We also thank you for the written comments you sent us earlier this year in June on the Draft Recommendation on Common Approaches (REV6); as for any comment and suggestion coming from an interested stakeholder, your drafting proposals represent a helpful input to the discussions of the ECG. With such comments at hand, I am sure that the ECG Members know what your expectations are in the review process of the Common Approaches on export credits and the environment.

Turning to your request for another ECG/Stakeholders consultation this year, I am afraid that it is not possible to hold such a meeting in the remaining time which the ECG has to complete the review of the Common Approaches. You will recall that the ECG has endeavoured to meet annually with interested Stakeholders and will continue to do so in the future.

Regarding access to documents, I recognise that the absence of formal communication of a draft revision of the Common Approaches creates a somewhat unfortunate situation, knowing that some of you may have accessed relevant documents from alternative sources. At this juncture, the latest draft revision of the Common Approaches is still being discussed among ECG Members, many of whom wish to reflect on this before its dissemination to interested Stakeholders.

With your comments and drafting proposals in mind, I hope we can keep in touch and continue with a fruitful dialogue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet West'.

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