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**SUBJECT: OECD Forum 2002 - Proposal of roundtable on Export Credit
Agencies**

Dear Mr. Johnston,

We are writing to you regarding the upcoming OECD Forum, which will take place May 13-15 in Paris.

We, as members of civil society, have attempted to have our voices heard on the issue of the environmental and social implications of Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) in various ways at the OECD, and we feel that the current draft proposal does not reflect our input. Therefore, we request a specific session/panel/roundtable at this year's OECD Forum to discuss in detail the ECA issue and to help shape the outcome of the OECD Ministerial Summit to be held on May 15-16, 2002.

This year the Forum will deal with "Taking care of the Fundamentals: Security, Equity, Education and Growth". ECAs have played a key role in fostering foreign direct investment world-wide—but not all of it has been beneficial. We believe that it would be imperative for a session at the OECD Forum to explore ways in which ECAs could play a more beneficial role in the future in order to promote socially and environmentally sustainable development, long-term growth, stability, and equity. At least half of the speakers on such a panel should be composed of representatives of NGOs working for ECA reform. Other speakers could include representatives of key governments, including

Germany, United States, and those in the developing southern hemisphere; the heads of different OECD Working Parties, Directorates, and Committees dealing with the environment, development, and trade ; TUAC and BIAC; and other independent experts who we would be happy to work with you to select. In this regard, we have already received feedback from TUAC indicating its strong interest in this proposal.

In order to continue organising the event, we look forward to your prompt reply to our request and remain faithfully yours.

Sincerely,



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