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Dear Bob,

I refer to your letter dated 12 October 2007 to Deputy Secretary-General Amano in which you mention, *inter alia*, that the work of the OECD in the field of export credits threatens to undermine the credibility of the whole of the OECD and to your request of 17 October 2007 to meet with Deputy Secretary-General Amano. I have been asked to advise you that neither Deputy Secretary-General Amano or Deputy Secretary General Padoan (who is responsible for Trade matters) will be able to meet with ECA Watch. However, this issue and your concerns will be appropriately raised at the annual CSO consultation meeting which, this year, will be held on the morning of 5 November 2007 at Tour Europe, La Défense.

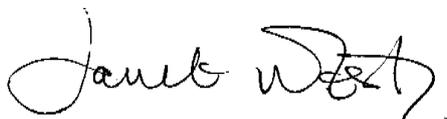
In the meantime, there are some views you have expressed in this latest correspondence that the OECD Secretariat finds unfounded, e.g. in relation to policy incoherence and lack of transparency and a credible consultation process. In the case of the former, for instance, the negotiations for the OECD Recommendations on both anti-bribery measures and environmental common approaches have benefitted from input from our colleagues in other Directorates and importantly were adopted by OECD Member governments as a whole. As to the latter, there have been annual consultations between the ECG and CSOs for many years and more recently, during the negotiations on the environment, CSOs were consulted three times: once face-to-face with the ECG and twice through written procedure, including sight of the final text before the committee concluded its negotiations. If CSOs' views are not fully reflected in a final product of an OECD negotiation, this does not necessarily indicate either a failure on the part of OECD Members or a flawed OECD process.

The OECD and its Member countries are working for further progress both on the monitoring of the implementation of the new OECD Recommendation on bribery and export credits and the June 2007 OECD Recommendation on environment. However, at this stage it would be premature to make any judgment on the outcomes.

Your letter to Deputy Secretary-General Amano, together with the ECA Watch Memorandum and this response, will be circulated to ECG Members in advance of the 5 November meeting; should you have any further documentation for that meeting, we would be pleased to receive it.

We look forward to continue to work with the civil society organisations and seeing you next month.

Yours sincerely



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