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Dear Nicholas,

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EXPORT CREDITS: CONSULTATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS, 18 NOVEMBER 2008

I write in response to your letter of 8 November 2008, sent on behalf of ECA Watch, responding to my letter of 25 October 2008 inviting ECA Watch to re-consider its decision not to participate in the above-mentioned consultation meeting with OECD member governments and other CSOs (e.g. BIAC, TUAC, the European Banking Federation, Transparency International).

I very much regret that ECA Watch will not join this year's consultation meeting, notwithstanding my response to your earlier points and the offer to discuss any issues, including those on process.

The Secretariat has circulated your letter, including the information concerning your 2009 international seminar on the role of ECAs regarding environmental protection and sustainable development, to ECG Members.

I hope that this current position from ECA Watch is temporary and that we could look forward to seeing you at future consultation meetings. In the meantime, I will ask the Secretariat to advise you of the principle outcomes of this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

for: Ms. Nicole BOLLEN

Chairman of the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees and of the Participants to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits

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