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21 December 2006

Dear Mr. Staur,

Peer Review of Denmark

My colleagues from the DAC Peer Review team join me in thanking you and your colleagues in Danida for your assistance in organising the mission to Copenhagen within the framework of the Peer Review of Denmark (8 June 2007). As already agreed, the mission will take place from 22 to 26 January, 2007.

The Peer Review team travelling to Copenhagen will be composed of the following members:

- Ms Elen Zorbala, Examiner from Greece (Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Ms Nike Koutrakou, Examiner from Greece (Hellenic Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Mr Jeroen Verheul, Examiner from the Netherlands (Netherlands Delegate to the OECD/DAC)
- Mr Jan Waltmans, Examiner from the Netherlands (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Ms Anja Roelofs, Examiner from the Netherlands (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Ms Karen Jorgensen, Head of Division, Review and Evaluation Division, OECD/DCD
- Mr Sean Conlin, Consultant, OECD/DCD
- Ms Chantal Verger, OECD Secretariat (DCD/PEER)

A humanitarian assistance analyst may also join the team for part of the visit.

The issues note attached lists the themes that the team would like to explore and has been drafted as a reference for the organisers of our visit. The team is particularly interested in discussing the following topics, though not to the exclusion of the other subjects listed in the attached note:

- Denmark's vision and commitments to the Millennium Development Goals and ODA volume.
- Denmark's commitment to the Aid Effectiveness agenda.
- Denmark's approach to cross cutting issues and support to the private sector in priority countries.

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- Denmark's organisational structure including operational decentralisation to the field.
- Danida's corporate management and performance framework including reporting, knowledge management and lessons sharing.
- Humanitarian assistance policy and co-ordination.

We would very much appreciate your assistance in setting up appropriate meetings with the Danish development co-operation authorities, as well as any other authorities involved in development co-operation, relevant representatives of parliamentary committees, and major non-governmental organisations. Please note that the discussion on policy coherence may call for the involvement of ministries other than Foreign Affairs as appropriate.

We would be grateful if you could share with us the proposed programme as well as the practical arrangements (hotel reservations and transportation) in due time to enable us to prepare for the mission.

Although we do not expect a formal written response to all the questions, the team members would appreciate receiving copies of presentations that are made, so far as possible, as well as any information that can improve their understanding of Denmark's development co-operation.

We look forward to receiving your proposed programme and to fruitful meetings with Danida authorities and other stakeholders involved in development co-operation. My colleague Chantal Verger will continue to work with your team on the details of the planning for this mission.

Yours sincerely

Karen Jorgensen

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