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H.E. Dr. Christian Friis Bach  
Minister for Development Cooperation  
Kingdom of Denmark

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Dear Minister,

I am sending you this letter at the request of the Chairman of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen. Following some questions from the Danish press he has asked the GGGI Secretariat to clarify some aspects of his activities in GGGI in relation to his GGGI-related travel schedule.

Upon his appointment as chair of the Korean-GGGI Board in mid-2012 the Chairman travelled according to the same entitlements as those of the previous Chairman, a former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea. These included first class tickets, the costs of which constitute a substantial share of the travel expenses.

As Chairman, Mr. Rasmussen has presided over the work of the Council, the Transitional Sub-Committee and the Facilitative Sub-Committee and he led the strategic dimension of the transition in GGGI from a Korean based NGO to an international organization. As an aspect of this transition in July 2013, GGGI management and the Chairman agreed that the standard of travel would be business class with effect from 1 August 2013. Accordingly recent travel expenses for visits to Indonesia and New York have been lower than previously. This new cost profile will apply in the future.

To be clear about the details, total expenses from trips conducted by the Chairman on GGGI business, including the most recent trip to the GGGI Assembly meeting in New York City, from June 2012 to 29 September 2013 is US\$190,722.88. Disaggregated by category, the details are:

Airfares: \$140,799.87  
Accommodation: \$26,110.56  
Daily subsistence allowance: \$4,319.58  
Ground transportation: \$16,529.65  
Other Meeting costs: \$2,963.23

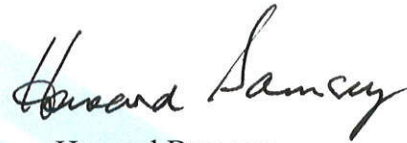
(A common exchange rate of KRW1,113.10 has been used for consistency with previous costings.)

These travel activities - a total of 15 trips - were conducted by the Chairman over a period of 49 days with an average duration of 3.27 days.

Please note that the Chairman's GGGI-related missions have all been correctly paid and accounted for according to the pertinent GGGI rules and are subject to internal and external auditing.

Travel arrangements for the Chairman have been and will continue to be made by GGGI Headquarters in Seoul in order to assist him in discharging his mandate.

Yours sincerely,



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