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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Accelerating progress on transparency at the GPEDC High Level Meeting, Mexico 15-16 April 2014**

We, the undersigned agencies, networks and organisations, ask for your support in ensuring that the development community accelerates and deepens commitments on transparency at the first High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation in Mexico on 15-16 April 2014.

We believe accelerated efforts to make development cooperation more transparent, as achieved through the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), are needed urgently. This is achievable in Mexico.

Since the last global meeting in Busan in 2011, more information on development cooperation is being published than ever before. This reflects the time-bound transparency commitments that development providers made in Busan on a common open standard and to publish information on development spending by 2015, including their implementation plans by 2012.<sup>1</sup>

Publish What You Fund's 2013 Aid Transparency Index<sup>2</sup> shows that a small number of development providers have made good progress in making their cooperation more transparent. This demonstrates that political commitment can be translated into effective implementation. However, overall progress has been modest and uneven. Most information on development cooperation is still not published in a comprehensive, timely and standardised way. **The vast majority of development providers are currently off-track to meet their Busan commitment of full implementation by 2015.**<sup>3</sup>

The meeting in Mexico is an opportunity to review and kick-start efforts to ensure governments' transparency commitments on development cooperation are met by 2015. The year 2015 will also mark the culmination of several international development processes, which include a new climate change deal and post-2015 priorities for sustainable development. **Transparency of all resource flows is an essential step towards harnessing those resources for poverty eradication and for monitoring progress towards post-2015 goals.** In this respect, we call on you to:

- Accelerate efforts to publish timely, comprehensive and forward-looking data on all development flows in accordance with IATI and improve the quality of published data;
- Ensure information on development cooperation is compatible and aligned with partner countries' budgets and systems;
- Support specific actions to improve access, dissemination and use of this data by all stakeholders at country level.

Your support in ensuring that the gains made on transparency at the global level translate into real benefits at country level is vital. Let us ensure that the Global Partnership truly delivers on its transparency commitments for all development stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Which includes the Creditor Reporting System and the Forward Spending Survey of the OECD-DAC, and the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) – [http://www.oecd.org/dac/aid-architecture/Common%20Standard%20Communications%20Note\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/aid-architecture/Common%20Standard%20Communications%20Note_ENG.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://ati.publishwhatyoufund.org/>

<sup>3</sup> To-date 22 official development providers have submitted implementation schedules outlining their plans to publish all elements of the common standard. The number of official government donors currently publishing to the standard is just 14, with an additional 8 international organisations including the UN and Multilateral Development Banks also publishing.

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**Access Info Europe** – Helen Darbshire, Executive Director  
**Africa Freedom of Information Centre** – Gilbert Sendugwa, Coordinator & Head of Secretariat  
**AidData** – Brad Parks and Nancy McGuire Choi, Co-Executive Directors  
**Article 19** – Thomas Hughes, Executive Director  
**Bond** – Ben Jackson, Chief Executive  
**CAFOD** - Graham Gordon, Head of Policy  
**Canadian Council for International Co-operation** – Julia Sánchez, President and CEO  
**Christian Aid** – Alison Kelly, Head of Policy  
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