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Dear Mrs. Chan  
Dear Mrs. Phumaphi,

Over the past several years, the OECD DAC Secretariat has been interested and engaged in the work developed by key partners in the health sector to analyse and address the constraints for a more effective aid, in the context of increasing funding for health. The DAC Chair and Secretariat were associated with the High Level Forum on the Health MDGs and its subsequent Scaling up for Better Health initiative. And in December 2006, the OECD hosted a joint WHO-World Bank-OECD workshop, on aid effectiveness and health.

Lessons from the health sector contributed in a very concrete way to the outcomes of the Third High Level Forum on aid effectiveness in Ghana, in September 2008 (Accra Action Agenda), including on the issue of predictability. After Accra and on the way to the HLF4 in 2011, our work program includes further monitoring of all partners' commitments to achieve better aid at the sector level, particularly in the health sector, through our "health as a tracer sector" work stream, in close relation with a range of key partners.

We are very pleased to see the strong commitment to implementing the principles of the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action through the IHP+. Through an increasing dialogue with the IHP+ and our recent contribution to the report on Country Health Sector Teams commissioned by WHO for the IHP+, we welcome more communication and new opportunities for mutually beneficial work, using common tools and references deriving from the aid effectiveness agenda.

Preliminary lessons deriving from country compacts and the next phase of the development of the IHP+ offer opportunities to strengthen our collaboration in the context of our continued support to the Working Party on aid effectiveness which has the mandate to monitor, assess and report about overall progress in aid effectiveness.

I would like to suggest that we explore further the concrete possibilities of joint work through the Paris Declaration monitoring process and I confirm that we are ready to respond to the information needs involved in assessing progress against the IHP+ from an aid effectiveness perspective.

I would be happy for you to share this letter with other IHP partners.

With my best regards and looking forward to our further work together on this critical development frontier,

Yours sincerely,

