TRANSLATION

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Dear Minister,

We are writing to you at a time when concessional resources for development are falling in real terms. This year, the international community will make major decisions on how to channel these resources. The replenishments of the African Development Fund (ADF) and the International Development Association (IDA) will be crucial for developing countries.

The assistance many countries have received from these institutions has been extremely effective to help alleviate the initial negative impact of the global financial crisis and to sustain growth. Compared to other financing channels, they offer high flexibility and predictability, assisting the countries to schedule and implement their development plans. They also better respect the principles of alignment and use of national systems, which enhance aid effectiveness and efforts to manage public finances.

We therefore very strongly support a substantial real terms increase in the ADF-IDA replenishments, which play a central role helping us to confront climate change and assist us in implementing the post-2015 agenda. We urge you to allocate the highest possible share of your concessional resources to these replenishments, rather than to institutions such as global vertical sector-specific funds or bilateral development banks.

However, to improve these institutions’ effectiveness, we also urge them to:

i) Increase the share of budget support while reducing policy conditionalities;
ii) Take more account of country vulnerability and fragility in allocating resources;
iii) Allocate more resources to transformative regional initiatives especially in the infrastructure sector; and
iv) Simplify and accelerate their preparation, approval, disbursement and procurement procedures.
We look forward to your rapid response on these issues and to a continuing dialogue over the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

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