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**To: Ministers and Heads of organisations endorsing the  
Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (all)**

Dear Colleagues,

In November 2011, the international community came together in Busan to endorse the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation to guide our development co-operation going forward. We also made a number of commitments to each other, some on a voluntary basis and differentiated depending on our characteristics and capacities, to bolster our co-operation efforts.

It is now one and a half years since Busan, which means the time has come to look back and ask ourselves how we have done. We should not do so in a judging or restrictive manner, subjecting ourselves to score-cards or checklists for the sake of it. Instead, we need to champion those members of the Partnership that have made leaps and bounds and those that have achieved lesser leaps but progress nonetheless, inspiring and helping the rest of us to follow suit. And we must also remind ourselves of the remaining challenges, being open about failures in order to learn from them and grow as a community, rather than compare and contrast.

We are therefore writing to you to ask you to get involved now in this process to “look back”, and begin identifying for yourselves where you and others have made major progress since Busan and where major challenges remain.

We have, to help us in our task, the Monitoring Framework – a selection of ten indicators and targets – that builds on previous data collection work at the country level, but also brings in new elements and data from other sources. Draft guidance for the Framework was published in March, and we trust that you have read and fed-back on it so that your views are taken on board. But the critical action now is to begin using the guidance to gather data and other relevant qualitative information and case-studies. Qualitative information and case-studies will be particularly welcome from those that have not previously been involved in these processes but would like more recognition for their contributions to development.

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Together we can prepare for the first ministerial-level meeting of the Global Partnership, halfway between the Busan High-Level Forum and 2015, to both look back and ahead. We look forward to hearing and sharing your findings.

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