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LETTERS OF SG GURRÍA AND DG LAMY AFFIRMING CONTINUOUS OECD-WTO
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SG Gurría and DG Lamy in their letters agreed on further deepening the ongoing collaboration between the two institutions to promote evaluation and demonstrate results from the Aid for Trade Initiative. It was also proposed to hold the next Global Aid for Trade Review in 2011.

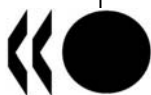
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Pascal LAMY
Directeur général

30 APR 2010

Angel

Dear Mr. Gurría,

I am writing to follow-up on our discussion on the margins of the Development Committee in Washington D.C. last week. The excellent on-going collaboration between our two institutions has been a key factor driving the success of the Aid for Trade initiative and the Aid for Trade at a Glance publications have ensured that the work we are doing rests on strong intellectual foundations.

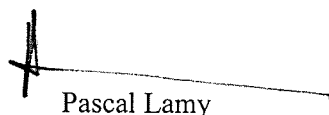
As you will recall, during the Second Global Review of Aid for Trade, I had stressed the importance of elaborating the Aid-for-Trade monitoring framework further by pressing forward into the area of evaluation. I am convinced that we need to show that the resources which we have collectively worked so hard to mobilize do indeed have the desired impact on trade performance, economic growth and poverty alleviation. I remain convinced that developing a body of knowledge on the impact of Aid for Trade is essential if we are to continue to make the case for this important initiative.

I am of the view that the OECD's new biennium work programme on Aid for Trade provides an excellent opportunity to deepen and extend the Aid for Trade work into the area of evaluation. Conclusions arising from the OECD work programme will form the core of the next Global Review of Aid for Trade. To sustain our existing momentum, I believe that we should build on the positive achievements profiled in our joint reports in 2007 and 2009 and aim for a third Global Review in 2011.

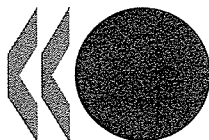
I look forward to your continued commitment to deepen the already excellent collaboration between our two institutions on Aid for Trade

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Pascal,

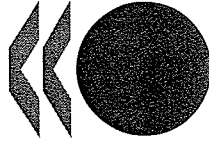
I could not agree more with the proposals you set out in your letter of 30 April on strengthening our collective efforts to promote evaluation and demonstrate results from the Aid for Trade Initiative. I also agree on the value of keeping up the good momentum we have by bringing forward the next Global review to 2011.

Thanks to our joint efforts, we have a positive story to tell about the achievements and prospects of the Aid for Trade Initiative. Indeed, in a short period of time, aid for trade is making a clear contribution to build a stronger, cleaner and fairer world economy. Following the principles of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, increased accountability at the country and global levels has resulted in more and better aid for trade (over USD 41 billion in 2008).

We now need to show results if we want to maintain these levels of support. The OECD remains committed to improving the quantity and quality of aid for trade. We are refining our tools to better identify the nature and extent of the impediments that are preventing low income countries from more fully realising the benefits of trade. In addition, we are deepening our understanding of how aid for trade can help address these constraints and further improve the capacity of the private sector, by developing performance assessment frameworks to allow for better evidence-based decision making. In short, we are shifting our focus from monitoring resources to measuring outcomes: this is one sure way for us to show the impact of the Initiative on trade, growth, poverty reduction and development.

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To better report on the impacts of aid for trade projects and programmes, we suggest expanding the joint OECD/WTO monitoring framework to include case studies. The use of case studies will allow the large group of stakeholders involved in the Initiative to address a broader range of issues, including objectives, challenges, programme design and implementation. The case studies should help improve our knowledge about what works best and help sustain interest in the Initiative across the broader spectrum of the trade and development community.

My staff has already begun preparing for the next joint OECD/WTO Aid for Trade at a Glance publication that I hope we will launch together during the third Global Review. We anticipate that next publication will be ready by the fourth quarter of 2011.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the OECD this week and to continuing our close co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angel Gurría', written over a thin horizontal line.

Angel Gurría