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Working Party on Aid Effectiveness and Donor Practices

**JOINT VENTURE ON MONITORING THE PARIS DECLARATION
UPDATE ON WORK IN PROGRESS**

To be held on 5-7 July 2006

This document is submitted to the WP-EFF meeting on 5-7 July as background for discussion under agenda item IV - A. Members are invited to address the issues raised in the last section.

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Joint Venture on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

Status Report June 2006

Objectives

In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Paris Declaration, the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness at its meeting on 19-20 October 2005, established a Joint Venture on Monitoring the Paris Declaration with a view to: (i) Coordinating international monitoring of indicators for the first round of consultation to be undertaken in 2006; (ii) Reviewing international monitoring of commitments in the short term; (iii) Proposing arrangements for monitoring the commitments and indicators in the medium to longer term; (iv) Enabling consistent aggregation of information on indicators across a range of countries to be summed up in periodic reports.

Key activities

Task A: Establish technical guidance on measuring indicators

► **Objective** – Reach agreement on definitions and technical guidance in support of the indicators agreed in Paris.

► **Output** – Explanatory Note, 2 Questionnaire, Country Worksheet and Technical Guidance produced in 3 languages (English, Spanish & French).

► **Status** – **Completed** – Questionnaires & guidance successfully field-tested in 6 countries: South-Africa, Ghana, Uganda, Senegal, Nicaragua & Cambodia.

Task B: Coordinate 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

► **Objective** – Establish mechanisms to coordinate nationally & internationally the 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration.

► **Output** – Mechanisms are in place to ensure coordination of Survey at all levels. Countries to report back to the JV.

► **Status** – **Underway** – Survey launched on schedule (2 May 2006). **24 countries** have confirmed they are taking part in 2006 Survey. Responses collected by August 2006

Task C: Establish final report on 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

► **Objective** – Drawing from the Survey results, elaborate a report that (i) sets the baseline for the indicators & associated targets (ii) identifies challenges & opportunities in implementing the commitments agreed in Paris.

► **Output** – Final report to be published by **December 2006**.

► **Status** – **Work underway** (discussions of ToR).

Task D: Propose arrangements for medium term monitoring of the Paris Declaration

► **Objective** – The Joint Venture will propose arrangements for the medium-term monitoring of the Indicators of Progress and the commitments agreed in the Paris Declaration.

► **Output** – Medium-term monitoring plan by **December 2006**.

► **Status** – **Work underway** (discussions of ToR).

Issues for discussion

► To be useful the survey has to improve our understanding of how more effective aid can contribute to achieving development results. This is essential in implementing the Paris agenda. How can the report best achieve this?

► As of 15 June, **24 countries** have confirmed they are taking part in the Survey. Is that enough? Or does that undermine the credibility of the whole process?