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Letter from Chair of the Working Party on Statistics to the members of the Working Party on Statistics and the Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 26 July 2006

TO: Delegates to the DAC Working Party on Statistics and Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation

FROM: Mr Fritz Meijndert, Chair of the DAC Working Party on Statistics

RE: **CASE BOOK ON ODA REPORTING OF CONFLICT, PEACE AND SECURITY EXPENDITURES**

Dear Colleagues,

1. As I come to the end of my term as Chair of the Working Party on Statistics, I wanted to remind you of your wish to have a case book of reporting on conflict, peace and security activities to help your decisions on ODA eligibility.

2. The Secretariat has produced a paper on reporting on the new codes approved in 2004 and 2005 [see DCD/DAC/STAT(2006)16]. This shows some anomalies in reporting that are being corrected bilaterally and that most members have still to integrate the new codes into their reporting systems.

3. At the DAC High Level Meeting in 2007, members will be judging the wish to examine if any other conflict, peace and security activities might be ODA eligible. I anticipate that the HLM will wish to know of progress with implementing their previous decisions. Part of this was to have a 'case book' of examples of activities that are and are not eligible.

4. The Secretariat has asked members several times to provide material for such a case book. They have made the point, with which I fully agree, that the required detail of real world examples is available only in agencies, not in a Secretariat based in Paris. With one to two years' experience of applying the revised directives, can I please exhort you each to provide one or two examples of cases that you have funded or considered and rejected as ODA which you think help to throw light on the borderline for ODA eligibility of the six agreed items. Please send brief details to Simon.Scott@oecd.org and Mark.Downes@oecd.org.

5. With thanks in advance for your help. Let me close by recording my appreciation for the good working relationship between the two groups that enabled us to obtain HLM agreement to our joint recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

Fritz Meijndert

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