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**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE DAC WORKING PARTY ON AID EFFECTIVENESS
REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS**

This letter calls for nominations of candidates by 27 April 2006.

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The Director

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To: DAC Delegates

Members of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness

**Election of the Chair of the DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness
Request for Nominations**

Madam, Sir,

As you know, Michel Reveyrand, who has been chairing the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness since its creation in 2003, will soon be appointed to a senior position in the French diplomacy and, as a result, will not seek a renewal of his mandate. We will all have an opportunity to express our gratitude to Michel on the occasion of the next Working Party meeting which he will be chairing on 5-6 July.

In view of the election of a new chair scheduled to take place at this meeting, I would like to invite your proposals for candidates and engage a transparent process of consultations with the aim of reaching consensus on a nomination. The Secretariat will stand ready to play a facilitation role throughout the process.

With the adoption of the Paris Declaration, largely inspired and prepared by the Working Party, the “Partnership of donors and partner countries hosted by the DAC” has gained international stature and recognition as a main driving force on the aid effectiveness front. It now bears a major responsibility for keeping the political momentum for policy reform and behaviour change, supporting implementation of the partnership commitments at country level and monitoring global progress towards the 2010 targets.

Leadership, strategic vision, ability to draw consensus and a strong mix of operational and policy experience will be needed to steer the Working Party in these directions and to demonstrate widespread and systematic progress on the Paris agenda by the time of the next High Level Forum in 2008. This will imply a high demand on the time the Chair can make available for the Working Party.

The Chair will be ably assisted in his role by two Vice-Chairs from the multilateral side (Christopher Hall, World Bank) and from the partner country side (Helen Allotey, Ghana). In the task of pulling together the multiple strands of work and consolidating outcomes, the Chair will also be able to count on the dedicated support of the Co-Chairs of the four Joint Ventures specialised in public financial

management, procurement, development results, and monitoring. The chart below recalls the nominations agreed in the wake of the October meeting for which, at the Joint Venture level, a formal confirmation will not be required.

In line with the “tripartite arrangement” set in place at the October meeting, it is expected that the Chair will be selected from within the group of DAC Members in the same spirit as partner countries co-opted their Vice-Chair representative among themselves. Consistent with OECD rules, it is also assumed that the two Vice-Chairs designated in October will be formally re-elected at the July meeting.

Regarding nominations for the Working Party Chair, the Secretariat intends to liaise with each of the nominating members and distribute a list of nominations to the Working Party. It would then consult with members individually to facilitate the emergence of a consensus. If necessary, this could include a secret ballot to collect members’ individual preferences.

Against this background, the Secretariat looks forward to receiving expressions of interest for this most challenging and internationally visible position. Your nominations along with a CV and a statement of intended actions to carry forward the WP-EFF agenda, would be expected within one month — **by 27 April 2006** — to be sent to my office, copy to Christian.Lehembre@oecd.org (Tel 00 33 1 45 24 83 72).

Yours sincerely,



Michael Roeskau

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