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*This letter is for INFORMATION and concerns the forthcoming discussion of the joint DCD/TD note on Aid for Trade [COM/DCD/TD(2006)2] at the meeting of 31 March 2006.*

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To: DAC Delegates

Madam, Sir,

**Discussion of the joint DCD/TD note on aid-for-trade [COM/DCD/TD(2006)2]**31 March 2006 meeting of the Working Party of the Trade Committee  
Room A, Union de l'Europe Occidentale, 43 Avenue du Président Wilson

This letter is to remind DAC delegates that they are invited to take part in the discussion of the Working Party of the Trade Committee on the joint DCD/TD aid-for-trade note. The discussion will take place on 31 March 2006 in Union de l'Europe Occidentale (Room A), 43 Avenue du Président Wilson. The agenda has been distributed on OLIS [TD/TC/WP/A/(2006)2].

The joint note [COM/DCD/TD(2006)2] is the first OECD contribution to the WTO consultations with international organisations on appropriate mechanisms to ensure additional financial resources for aid-for-trade, which were called for in the Hong Kong Ministerial. It discusses the expanding aid-for-trade agenda, the amount of aid-for-trade donors have provided since 1994 and scenarios for additional aid-for-trade in the context of the global scaling-up of ODA. A second contribution, which will be submitted for comments at a later date to both the DAC and the Working Party of the Trade Committee, shall address the effectiveness of donors' aid-for-trade programmes.

In addition to the aid for trade discussion, DAC delegates are also invited to participate in the discussion of the Working Party of the Trade on trade facilitation. This discussion will address possible further work to support WTO negotiations on trade facilitation [TD/TC/WP(2006)13], while DCD will present its work on trade facilitations [DCD/DAC(2006)7/PART1/REV1, DCD/DAC(2006)7/PART2/REV1] and update the Delegates on the recently launched second phase which will examine possible financing and coordination mechanisms for TA/CB for trade facilitation, so as to ensure that such mechanisms are effective, operational and coherent.

A joint meeting to discuss the final note, including the effectiveness of trade related technical assistance and capacity building, is being planned for either 18 May or 1 June. Participation of representatives from capitals will be encouraged. Further information about this meeting will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Roeskau'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Roeskau