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To: EITI International Board

From: Publish What You Pay Global Council

Dear Rt. Hon. Helen Clark and members of the EITI International Board,

We, the PWYP Global Council, thank you for your continued work to improve natural resource governance around the world. We note the forthcoming “extraordinary” board meeting on Wednesday, 30 June to discuss the complaint made by Publish What You Pay – United States (PWYP-US) about the actions of an EITI board member. We are writing to register our concern regarding the allegations made in this complaint and how this relates to the EITI more broadly.

Hundreds of companies, government representatives and thousands of civil society organisations around the world support the EITI and its standard of good governance in the extractive industries. We expect that board members, as the highest representatives of the EITI, will further the objectives of the EITI, not undermine them. The complaint lodged by PWYP-US in February of this year contains allegations that rightly concern many civil society organisations dedicated to better natural resource governance. We are glad to see that you have scheduled an extraordinary meeting to give these allegations the serious consideration that they deserve and hope that your deliberations will result in action that upholds the integrity of the institution and its goal of advancing transparency.

As the PWYP Global Council, we represent over a thousand civil society organisations across the world, many of whom dedicate significant time and effort to the EITI. We are passionate about improving natural resource governance and ensuring that the EITI remains effective and legitimate.

The decade-long delay of the implementation of the US mandatory EI payments-to-governments disclosure provision, Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, has stalled civil society organizations around the world from accessing data that is vital to their ability to have a say in the governance of their natural resources. As the organisation leading the global push for transparency in natural resource governance, the EITI has a vested interest in the passage of a strong Dodd-Frank 1504 rule that is in line with the EITI Standard and international best practice.

The EITI’s multi-stakeholder approach is critical to its effectiveness and provides a valuable and unique forum for countries, companies and civil society to work together towards a common vision of better natural resource governance. This only works when all stakeholders fully embrace what it means to be part of the EITI and show this not just in their words but through their actions. Anything less harms the legitimacy of the EITI.

We therefore urge that the forthcoming discussions carefully consider the issues raised in the allegations submitted; and their implications on the future impact of the EITI. We stand with the PWYP-US coalition, and the hard working civil society representatives to the EITI board as they engage in this discussion; and keenly await the outcome of Wednesday's extraordinary board meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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