

31 January 2011

Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness Secretariat
GPO Box 887
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) supports an international development program that focuses on development in our region; works with other governments and social partners to effectively meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); offsets the impact of the Global Financial Crisis on employment, trade, investment, food security and development; and, promotes peace and democracy in countries in conflict.

In 1984, Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA was established as the overseas aid agency of the ACTU. The work of APHEDA and its partner organisations contributes directly to countries and regions of the world where men and women workers are disadvantaged through poverty, a lack of workplace, denial of labour and human rights, civil conflict and war.

The ACTU supports the submission to the independent review of aid effectiveness prepared by APHEDA.

It is essential that the Australian overseas aid program recognise the importance of Decent Work in promoting sustainable development and realising the Millennium Development Goals. It is equally as important that the overseas aid program recognise and support the leadership role that civil society plays in driving both democracy and development

Yours sincerely,



Ged Kearney
President