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WG: Request for early validation

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Subject: Request for early validation

Dear Mr Reinfeldt,

On behalf of the German EITI multi-stakeholder group, I would like to thank you and the EITI board for your kind clarification on requirements 4.1 and 4.6.

Please allow me to address another matter that we already touched upon in our recent request for clarification. Germany would like to ask the Board for an early validation, rescheduling the date for the start of the validation from the 01.01.2019 (Board paper 35-4-D Validation schedule) to the 01.11.2018.

The D-EITI MSG commonly decided to ask for an early validation for the following reasons:

- Germany became an EITI candidate country in February 2016. In August 2017, Germany published its first D-EITI report and is currently preparing an updated version including a reconciliation of the local business tax. Willing to implement the EITI Standard comprehensively and innovatively, the D-EITI MSG is eager to be assessed and be given feedback on the implementation, as early as possible. The outcome of the validation will be an important contribution to the MSG's ongoing discussions on the further development and enhancement of the D-EITI. At the same time, the validation will be of political importance to sustain the general interest and attention in the process, in a way that the candidature and the first D-EITI report have done before.
- With an early validation starting on the 01.11.2018, there is a high probability that the board will decide on the German validation before next year's EITI Global Conference. The D-EITI MSG believes that the validation of another EU/OECD country will be a strong political signal not only in the national context but also for the whole initiative and EITI community. Validations of EU/OECD countries like UK and Germany could contribute to convincing other countries of that particular group to join the EITI.

Based on a self-assessment undertaken in April 2018 with the kind support of the EITI secretariat, the D-EITI MSG and the German government are confident to be ready to support the secretariat and the external validator in the validation procedure.

The MSG kindly asks the Board to convey an answer to this request as soon as possible and is looking forward to your feedback.

Kind regards

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