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Dear Messrs. Scotti and Deutscher,

I write to thank you for your letter of 7 July 2009, inviting me to attend the 41st Annual Tidewater Meeting to be held from 7 to 9 October in Italy.

While I am honoured by this invitation and would have very much liked to participate, it is with deep regret that I must decline due to prior commitments on the proposed dates.

I appreciate your understanding and send my best wishes for a successful event.

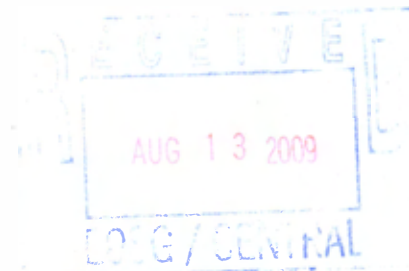
Yours sincerely,

Asha-Rose Migiro

Mr. Enzo Scotti
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy
Rome

Mr. Eckhard Deutscher
Chair of the Development Assistance Committee
Organisation for Economic Co-operation
and Development
Paris

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Eckhard Deutscher
Chair

7 July 2009

PERSONAL INVITATION

Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro
Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations



Dear Dr Migiro,

41st Annual Tidewater Meeting
7-9 October 2009, Italy

We are writing to invite you to the "Tidewater" meeting in October 2009. This is an annual event, which has been convened on a personal basis by the Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee since 1968 (when it met at the Tidewater Inn, Virginia, United States), and which has traditionally been attended by ministers and heads of major bilateral and multilateral aid agencies. A particular feature of these meetings is that there are no papers (except in some cases a very short issues note) and no communiqué. They are designed to facilitate informal discussion of issues faced by those of us trying to promote development, and over the years have contributed to emerging consensus on many such issues.

The 2009 Tidewater meeting will be hosted by the Italian Government and will start with a dinner on Wednesday, 7 October, and finish by lunchtime on Friday, 9 October.

We propose the following points for the agenda for your consideration:

- Implications of the crisis for the development co-operation "business model";
- Policy coherence for development and "whole-of" approaches: obtaining political traction and results;
- Financing development and global public goods: ODA definitions, other flows, and implications for resources and operational roles; and
- Development co-operation and domestic resource mobilization.

We should be grateful for any comments on these ideas by the end of July, following which we will issue a final agenda and meeting arrangements.

We look forward to hearing whether you will be able to attend this unique and important event.

Yours sincerely,

Enzo Scotti

Eckhard Deutscher