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Subject: EEA and Norway Grants in Hungary.

Dear Ms Vitályos,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2014.

Reference is made to the high level meeting held in Brussels 12 June 2014. During this meeting it was discussed how the EEA and Norway Grants are to be implemented in Hungary as agreed in the signed MoUs from November 2011. Three issues in particular were discussed; 1) the set-up of the National Focal Point, 2) continuation of the current Implementing Agency and 3) the respect of roles and responsibilities of the Hungarian NGO Fund operated by FMO.

As a conclusion to the meeting, it was agreed that the Hungarian Government should forward a memo with their response to all three issues followed by a technical meeting. The issue of the location of the National Focal Point has been thoroughly addressed in your letter dated 17 June. As for the two latter issues, we need constructive input from your side before a technical meeting can take place.

In order for the donors to be able to continue the discussions as to how the suspension of payments to Hungary can be lifted, I would strongly encourage the Hungarian Government to forward to the FMO the required information regarding the Implementing Agency and the NGO Fund, including the cancellation of the ongoing audit procedures towards the NGO Fund Operator. Once the required documentation has been received, the donors will invite for further dialogue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stine Andresen', written over a horizontal line.

Stine Andresen
Director
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