

Chair
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Paris, 13 May 2024

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Dear Members of the DAC CSO Reference Group,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing concerns regarding recent decisions made by the Government of Sweden and the implications this could have for civil society support, particularly in the context of the DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society. I appreciate your commitment to the principles outlined in the Recommendation.

Changes to Sida's main civil society funding modality will be presented and discussed at the Community of Practice on Civil Society meeting on 29-30 May, at Sida's request. I believe this platform provides an opportunity to address the issues raised and work towards solutions that uphold the principles of the DAC Recommendation.

Furthermore, I echo your call for all adherents to the Recommendation to undertake reforms in their civil society policies and practices in close collaboration with CSOs. It is only through inclusive dialogue that we can ensure the effectiveness of our collective efforts in supporting civil society as development actors.

Once again, thank you for bringing these concerns to my attention. We look forward to engaging in productive discussions during the upcoming Community of Practice meeting and subsequent dialogues.

Best regards,



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