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President Jimmy Carter
The Carter Center
453 Freedom Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30307

ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE DRC

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to acknowledge the Carter Center's contribution in advancing transparency and accountability in the management of natural resources in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is the global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and mining resources. Each of our 51 EITI member countries, including the DRC, set up a national multi-stakeholder group (MSG) consisting of representatives from the government, civil society, and the industry. This group is responsible for ensuring that our member countries meet the disclosure requirements in the EITI Standard and that the information is used to inform public debate.

The Carter Center in Lubumbashi has played a key role in the last five years to ensure that local communities use the EITI process to access information on how their natural resources are managed. Thanks to the Carter Center's support, a wide network of local civil society organisations from Kinshasa to Lubumbashi to Bunia in the Ituri Province are empowered to demand information about their natural resources and to use this information to hold companies and their government accountable.

Despite challenging circumstances, we are pleased to see the DRC is making progress in advancing contract transparency, government revenue disclosure, as well as greater openness in the management of state-owned enterprises. We want to give recognition to the Carter Center and other partner organisations for their critical role in these advancements.

On behalf of the EITI Board, I also wish to thank you for your leadership in advancing democracy, human rights and economic opportunity around the world. Your accomplishments inspire us all.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



Fredrik Reinfeldt
Chair
EITI

CC: Ambassador (ret.) Mary Ann Peters, Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center