



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

Direzione Generale per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo  
Il Vice Direttore Generale

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*Dear Director,*

I wish to thank you for the kind letter dated 4 January 2013 you addressed to Director General Elisabetta Belloni, who was appointed Director General for Human Resources, Budget and Innovation at our MoFA last 9 January, and for sending the interesting documents regarding the balance of competences review the UK Government launched last July.

In Italy's view, there is a strong evidence that EU's and Member States' development cooperation and humanitarian aid policies complement and reinforce each other. In fact, not only EU development cooperation policies are fundamental in promoting and strengthening the EU role as a global player, but they are crucial to reduce fragmentation and increase the impact, efficiency and effectiveness of EU and Member States' development aid.

Positive results could also be strengthened by the promotion of an integrated and common EU approach in key sectors such as resilience, security, human rights and climate change. The outcomes of such complementary and coordinated processes are mutually reinforcing and could be the driving force to further promote the modernization of EU development policies.

A lot of work still needs to be done in the area of coordination in order to promote, for instance, an enhancement of Joint Programming and Division of Labour processes. To this end common efforts of all Member States will be crucial.

Our offices remain at your disposal should you need any further elements regarding our position on the issue.

I believe the assessment will prove very useful and we look forward to receiving the results of such a constructive exercise.

Kindest regards,

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