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Dear Ms. Miroux,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2012 addressed to Mr. Angel Gurría. Although the OECD was not specifically part of the Tunis Agenda and the Tunis Commitment, and therefore has no follow-up commitments, we have always been willing to co-operate with other international organisations. We are pleased to continue to provide information on our work to enhance co-operation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. This is however a very large topic that touches on a great deal of work at the OECD, across many areas of public policy.

In particular, we would like to highlight the outcomes of the 2011 *OECD High Level Meeting on the Internet Economy: Generating Innovation and Growth* held in Paris in June 2011. The main outcome of the meeting was the adoption of an *OECD Council Recommendation* in December 2011 (http://www.oecd.org/sti/interneteconomy/49258588.pdf) that put forward fourteen principles for Internet policy making. In addition, we would like to inform you that the OECD has published its 2012 Internet Economy Outlook (http://www.oecd.org/sti/interneteconomy/ieoutlook.htm). We will also soon release a report on the role of the Internet for ensuring global participation in the Internet economy on the OECD website.

In addition, the OECD is contributing to the **Partnership for Measuring the Information Society**, particularly as regards the assessment of the impact of ICT.

As part of its engagement in ICT and Internet Policy, the OECD also participated in the WSIS Forum in May 2012 and in the 2012 Internet Governance Forum in Baku.

Yours sincerely,

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