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**ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**

"NATION'S CONSCIENCE"

THIMPHU, BHUTAN

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Dear Madam/Sir,

We appreciate ADB-OECD Steering Group's acceptance of our request to join the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific. It is our conviction that concerted and collective effort at all levels - national, regional or international, is critical in fighting against the scourge of corruption.

Our office is very young but committed to its mandate given by none less than the King and the people (parliament). The political commitment at the highest level to fight corruption and the conducive government policies that aim to achieve people's happiness are the source of our strength. We have a long way to go in establishing the institution that will be founded on public trust and confidence. Being a member of the important Initiative, we can draw on the rich pool of experiences, good practices and expertise while also sharing our experiences with other members. Our anticorruption strategies and activities largely align with the goals, strategies and the action plan of the Initiative.

On behalf of the Royal Government of Bhutan, we are pleased to convey our commitment and acceptance of the goals and implementation mechanisms of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan. We confirm our participation in the next Steering Group meeting, to take place in Indonesia from 3-5 September 2007.

Together, we can stop corruption! We look forward to a strong partnership.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Neten Zangmo)
Chairperson

Not in original:

CC:

- 1 Secretary, Ministry of Finance for information
- 2 Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – this letter has reference to the ministry's approval conveyed vide MD/Membership/394 dated 9 October 2006.