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and

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## CANDIDATURE RECEIVED – INVITATION TO BOARD MEETING

I am glad to confirm that, on 17 January 2019, we have properly received the candidature application of Argentina to join the EITI.

We will do our best efforts to assess the application as soon as possible, have it considered by the Outreach and Candidature Committee and finally decided by the EITI Board, hopefully during its meeting to be held in Kiev on 27-28 February.

In the meantime, the International Secretariat may contact you in case they have any questions or need clarifications related to your application.

Finally, we would <u>like to invite you both</u>, as the highest authorities for hydrocarbons and mining activities in Argentina, to observe the Board meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 27-28 February. In case the Argentine application is considered and approved, this would be a fantastic opportunity to welcome Argentina to the EITI family and hear about your country's objectives and challenges regarding governance of the extractive sector. As you may know, the EITI Board is comprised by the implementing and supporting countries, companies and civil society, but also attended by circa 60 representatives from other partner organisations.

For more information about the EITI Board meeting, or coordination, please contact our Regional Director Santiago J. Dondo (<a href="mailto:SDondo@eiti.org">SDondo@eiti.org</a>).

With kind regards,

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