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Dear Mr Llewellyn,

**Interim Response to ECGD's Consultation on Changes to its Anti-Bribery & Corruption
Procedures: Qualification of Statements**

Thank you for your letter dated 5th December.

We note from your letter that you appear to have accepted the need for some degree of qualification, and that you are only seeking views about "the degree to which such representation should be qualified".

Our position is very clear. ECGD cannot expect applicants to make unqualified representations, especially as the nature and scope of those representations means that it is often necessary for the applicant to rely on information obtained, in good faith, from third parties. Consequently, we believe it is essential that all such representations and warranties are subject to the qualification of being made "to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief".

Yours sincerely

John Tyler

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