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Dear Alistair Darling,

**Final demand for the outlandish revenues pilfered from poor countries**



**Detailed developing country accounts 2008-09**

<b>In: International aid</b>	<b>\$120bn</b> (thanks)
<b>Out: Revenue lost due to tax dodging</b>	<b>\$160bn</b> (est.)
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<b>ARREARS:</b>	<b>-\$40bn</b>

If you study our intricate calculations, you'll see that poor countries lose more money than they receive every year.

We consider this to be an unacceptable situation and are seeking to resolve it forthwith. You must take immediate action at the G20 to extricate poor countries from this predicament:

- Settle for nothing less than multilateral automatic information exchange between tax authorities.
- Insist upon financial reporting standards for multinational companies on a country by country basis.
- Do both of the above then shout about your success from the rooftops.

These measures, if taken swiftly, will greatly increase transparency and accountability in matters of international taxation – enabling poor, and indeed rich, countries to halt tax dodging.

Should such action not be forthcoming, we will continue to take outlandish action. I look forward to receiving your stated intentions in writing.

Yours sincerely,

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Signed

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Name

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Address

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Irritated Executive, The Outlandish Revenue Service

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Apologies for breaking your in-tray with the sheer volume of these demands – we just didn't want you to miss this message.