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Dear Mr Mason

Thank you for your letter which arrived as I was setting off for Sri Lanka to visit our Tsunami programmes with Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. I returned to a very full in-tray and hence the delay in responding.

I have noted your comments regarding OneWorld UK. OneWorld UK, as indeed all the groups with whom we collaborate, is well aware of CAFOD's stance as an official agency of the Catholic Church and our position on abortion. This position is respected by other agencies and by government bodies (such as DFID) who do not share our same viewpoint. I take heart from the Holy Father's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, which recognises the many forms of cooperation between State and Church agencies as fruitful. Whilst we may cooperate with others, we will not necessarily share the same viewpoint on many moral issues, and we will always uphold Catholic teaching and values in our discussions.

Yours sincerely

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