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Dear Dr Aymar,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July last addressed to the Director-General regarding Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics and including the copy of the task force final report. Allow me to congratulate you for your efforts in promoting unrestricted access to peer-reviewed journals. Your actions are essential for the wider dissemination of scientific knowledge and represent an important component of building capacities for scientific research, especially in the developing world.

With respect to your kind invitation to the Director-General to attend the conference to be held on 3 November 2006, I regret to inform you that, while recognizing the significance of the proposals of the task force on Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics, due to previous commitments the Director-General will not be available on this occasion. Nevertheless, I have forwarded the information about the conference and the copy of the task force final report to the Communication and Information Sector for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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