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Ms. Natalie Bridgeman Fields
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Dear Ms. Bridgeman Fields:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, containing ideas regarding the advisory board for the U.S. National Contact Point (US NCP) for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. We will review closely and give careful consideration to your views.

Your letter asserts that "many of the consensus recommendations of the ACIEP subcommittee were not adopted in the USNCP's new policies and procedures." I would like to note that our new procedures and practices for the USNCP took into account every one of the consensus recommendations of the ACIEP subcommittee and are substantially consistent with them.

I very much value the interest of our stakeholders regarding the activities of the US NCP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose W. Fernandez", written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Jose W. Fernandez