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### Improvements to the Website of the Dominican Republic Ministry of Finance

The Public Debt Office at the Ministry of Finance initiated its investor relations program in September 2009 (+2). The Public Debt Office launched its new web page in April 2009, and substantial improvements were made through September 2009, expanding the information available to investors on their website.

The latest set of improvements comes approximately one and a half years after the Ministry of Finance website was first published in English in March 2008. At that time, the Dominican Republic gained 14 points in the IIF Investor Relations and Data Transparency Index and improved 20 points in the IIF Data Dissemination Index.

The IIF commends the Dominican Republic for the recent improvements that will encourage even greater accessibility to data and policy information by investors.

The Dominican Republic will now add an additional 13 points to their ranking in the IIF Investor Relations and Data Transparency Index. The contact information of public debt officers is now published online (+3). Investors are able to register for a website subscription (+1), and the investor contact list is now active (+3). Legal and regulatory information have been translated into English (+2). Archives of investor presentations are now posted online (+1). In addition, the authorities now engage in regular self-assessment of their investor relations activities (+1). Investors will also find an Excel file of “Public Sector External Bond Issues” including issue date, maturity date, and outstanding amount, as well as non-financial public sector external bonds debt service projections for 2009–2012.