

The French Government also supports tied aid as a legitimate way to achieve development. That view is expressed openly in OECD discussions and reflects a visceral French view that development is advanced whether project funding is tied or not. The view also reflects a disbelief in the untying of aid as, for example, the French observe that the majority of contracts funded by Japanese aid funds are still going to Japanese firms.

There was no clear indication as to the direction of the French concessional financing program. However, it would seem that France will continue to follow a very commercially pragmatic course in the delivery of their aid program.