

The logo for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consisting of the letters 'ADB' in a bold, white, serif font inside a black square.

Asian Development Bank

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Mr. Hemantha Withanage
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Dear Mr. Withanage,

Re: Call for Revision of ADB Safeguard Policy Statement

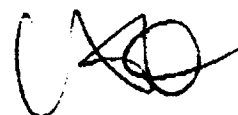
Thank you for your letter addressed to President Kuroda on the above subject.

We consider the Consultation Draft of the Safeguard Policy Statement to be a useful basis for consultations and comment. We have found the ongoing consultation workshops to be informative and constructive. The workshops provide valuable opportunities to ensure all views can be shared and understood. We encourage all groups to engage actively in this process.

In the meantime, we are grateful for the written comments you have forwarded on the Consultation Draft. These will be compiled along with all other comments received and taken into account when we prepare the draft working paper on the Safeguard Policy Statement.

We look forward to ongoing dialogue with you and other stakeholders to help shape the eventual draft policy working paper.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Xianbin Yao', written over a faint circular stamp.

Xianbin Yao
Acting Director General
Regional and Sustainable Development
Department