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Mr. Nessim Ahmad, Director Environment and Social Safeguards  
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**Re: Consultations on draft Safeguard Policy Update**

Dear Mr. Ahmad,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the Consultation on the ADB's Safeguard Policy Update, to be held in Washington, DC, on April 1, 2008. I will not be able to attend.

I have been following the development of the new Safeguard Policy Statement, and the careful arguments of many civil society organizations, who have pointed out substantive flaws in the new policy and disturbing procedural failures in its consideration. I am writing to associate National Wildlife Federation with the detailed analysis that was submitted on behalf of a wide range of organizations, dated January 17 of this year, and the letter of the Bank Information Center, dated January 11, calling for a suspension of the consultation process.

I hope that with a new draft document, one that addresses the grave flaws in the current version, a fair consultation process can be re-started. I look forward to hearing about progress on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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