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Dear Former Members of the World Bank Inspection Panel,

Thank you for your email of January 28, 2014, sharing with us your letter to the current Inspection Panel members.

As you know, the Inspection Panel is fully independent of World Bank management and reports to the Board of Executive Directors. As we understand, the changes cited in your email emerge from strategic engagement between the Panel and the Board over the past few years. This includes the External Review of the Oversight and Accountability Units and the extensive deliberations following the findings of the External Review, for which the World Bank management has been consulted along with other stakeholders. Ultimately, any changes to the Inspection Panel, including those to its structure and staffing, are at the discretion of the Panel and the Board.

We very much support the independence of the Inspection Panel, which contributes to the accountability of the institution.

Sincerely,

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