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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Welcome and Introduction

Dear Mr. de Silva:

We write to congratulate you on your appointment as the first head of the newly established Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM) of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). As you know, some of us worked with you previously during your tenure at the World Resources Institute (WRI), and we were pleased to hear about your selection as head of the IRM at this crucial time in the GCF's operations. We are eager to engage in a constructive exchange with you and call on the GCF to implement a just and accountable approach to funding low-carbon and climate-resilient development.

Each of our organizations varies in its interactions with the GCF and in strategic approach to the impacts of climate and development on human rights, gender equality, indigenous peoples, and the environment. We are, however, universally committed to seeing meaningful accountability embedded into the GCF's portfolio and operations, particularly through auditing the compliance of implementing agencies, building progressive learning from experience to improve GCF financing decisions, and ensuring access to redress for negatively impacted communities and peoples.

Through your previous work, you are already aware of the many challenges communities face in accessing adequate remedies for the negative impacts of international development and climate change. Further, as you undoubtedly know, the GCF faces its own unique set of challenges. Our organizations offer decades of experience across various aspects of accountability, and we hope to be a resource for you and your team as you build out the structure and policies of the IRM. We encourage you to invite input from all stakeholders, especially affected communities, indigenous peoples, and civil society, in the design and implementation of the IRM's policies and practices. It is crucial that the mechanism respond directly to the real and pressing needs of those most impacted by climate change and climate mitigation projects, as well as adaptation projects and programs.

Open dialogue around accountability, gender equality, environmental and social standards, and minimum requirements for effective implementation and redress mechanisms will not only promote and protect environmental and human rights, but will also improve the efficacy of the GCF as a global development and climate actor. We look forward to discussing how we may further the GCF's ability to promote and implement an agenda of just and accountable low-carbon and climate-resilient development under the mandate of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Sincerely,

Accountability Counsel

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)

Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA)

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO)

Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)

Forest Peoples Programme (FPP)

Friends of the Earth US

Friends with Environment in Development (FED)

Fundación para el Desarrollo de Políticas Sustentables (FUNDEPS)

Gender Action

Global Rights

Heinrich Böll Stiftung North America

Inclusive Development International

Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba)

International Rivers

Jamaa Resource Initiatives

L'Observatoire d'Etudes et d'Appui à la Responsabilité Sociale (OEARSE)

Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre

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