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Re: Welcome and Introduction

Dear Accountability Counsel and 25 other civil society organizations,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 28 November 2016 and the good wishes extended to me on my assumption of office as the first Head of the GCF's Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM). I am encouraged by your readiness both to engage with, and support the work of, the IRM. I have noted that of the 26 organizations who were signatories to your letter, about one half are accredited observers of the GCF.

From my previous work, I am acutely aware of the many challenges that communities face in accessing remedies for the negative impacts of development activities and the unique challenges the GCF faces in responding to climate change. I have noted that all of your organizations are committed to ensuring that accountability is embedded into the GCF's portfolio and operations. I look forward to working with all of you and drawing upon your expertise and experience in the field as the IRM clarifies its role and begins its work in earnest.

The GCF Board will consider the 2017 work plan and budget of the IRM at its forthcoming 15th meeting in Apia, Samoa from 13-15 December 2016. As part of the core efforts of the IRM next year, and in pursuance of decisions already made by the Board, we will be focusing on preparing for Board approval, a revised Terms of Reference for the IRM, followed by detailed guidelines and procedures. As already decided by the Board, the IRM will establish appropriate consultative processes for doing so.

If any of your organizations are sending representatives to Samoa for the GCF Board meeting, please let them know that I would be more than happy to meet with them in Samoa, and discuss any matters they may wish to bring up concerning the IRM. Please bring this response to the attention of the other 25 signatories to your above referenced letter.

Sincerely,

Lalanath de Silva
Head Independent Redress Mechanism