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Mr. Armstrong Wiggins  
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Dear Mr. Wiggins:

On behalf of the President of the Bank, Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. I would like to thank you for the comments that you had submitted on the draft Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples and the draft Strategy for Indigenous Development. These comments have been taken into account in the preparation of the drafts of the Policy and the Strategy as reflected in the Report of the Consultation Process sent to the Board of Executive Directors for their information and available to the public.

The consultation process which for the Bank was unprecedented in terms of scope and depth, evolved into an important learning process. It strengthened our dialogue with indigenous peoples in the Bank's borrowing countries and generated significant contributions to the documents. We thank you for your continued interest and participation throughout the consultation process which started during 2003 with pre-consultation meetings and concluded with a final consultation meeting in August 2005, in which your organization participated.

Should you want to discuss these matters further, I reiterate the invitation for a meeting we sent to you on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Sincerely,

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cc: Héctor E. Morales  
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