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**Consultation Process on the Strategic Framework for Indigenous
Development and the Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples**

**Eligibility Criteria and Selection
of the Indigenous Advisory Council**

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I. Objective

To delineate the nature of eligible membership to the Indigenous Advisory Council of indigenous specialists and leaders who will accompany the process of revision and definition of the final drafts of the Strategic Framework for Indigenous Development and the Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples, which will be submitted to the Policy and Evaluation Committee of the Board of Executive Directors for approval.

II. Eligibility Criteria

The members of the *Indigenous Advisory Council* will be proposed and assigned during the consultation process between July and September, 2004. Due to the specialized nature of the Council's role and the necessity of adopting an efficient and effective work methodology, the number of members on the Council is limited to 10 people from Latin American indigenous organizations.

During upcoming regional and national consultations, time will be allotted in order to analyze the role that the Indigenous Advisory Council will play in the next phase of the consultation process. Nevertheless, in order to create the Council in the most convenient manner possible, it is necessary for indigenous organizations to make their nomination for Council member according to the criteria here mentioned in as little time as possible. The Bank's objective is to have all members of the Council selected by no later than the first two weeks of September of this year in order to allow the Council to begin its first session in October.

III. Selection Criteria

It is of critical importance that the members of the Indigenous Advisory Council conform to these criteria to the fullest extent possible:

- To be involved in a representative indigenous organization at either the national or regional level.
- Have been nominated by this organization.
- Be a citizen of one of the Inter-American Development Bank's member countries.

We will give preference to candidates with experience in:

- Projects that have been financed by the Bank.
- The design of local, national, regional or institutional policies and/or local strategies.
- International or national indigenous legislation; the initiatives or work of international organizations dealing with indigenous peoples.

We will also take into consideration the following criteria:

- Gender equity.
- Geographical, organizational or institutional representation.

IV. Distribution

In order to select an effective and representative working group, we suggest the following distribution and selection criteria:

1. One (1) representative from the Working Group of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

2. One (1) representative from the Co-ordinator of the Indigenous Organizations of *Cuenca Amazónica* (COICA)
3. One (1) representative from the Continental Liaison of Indigenous Women.
4. One (1) representative from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
5. Two (2) representatives from the Andean Region (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia).
6. Two (2) representatives from the Southern Cone (Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay).
7. Two (2) representatives from the Central American Indigenous Council (CICA), Mexico and the Caribbean.

V. Candidate Nomination Process

With the exception of The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which will select its own candidate directly (for the reason that it is not one indigenous institution, but rather an institution with global representation within the United Nations system that has no more than four Latin American representatives), all other indigenous organizations and regions will select three candidates, (that is to say, for example, that The Continental Liaison of Indigenous Women or COICA must decide upon their three candidates in a collective manner, while the Andean or the Southern Cone region must elect three candidates from the various organization or country candidates in that region) following their own customs and criteria, as well as taking the aforementioned criteria into account.

The selected candidates must be sent to SDS/IND by September 10th, 2004 at the very latest. In order to select the successful Council members by September 15th, all organizations must send SDS/IND the *curriculum vitae* of each of their three candidates.

The Indigenous Advisory Council will begin its formal activities on October 2004, for which it is essential that your group make its selection at the very latest by mid-September.

VI. Activities

The main activities of the Indigenous Advisory Council will be:

- Complete two work sessions between October 2004 and January 2005.
- Each Council member will revise the comments and recommendations on the profiles of the Strategic Framework for Indigenous Development and the Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples.
- Systematically, revise the results of consultation activities.
- Following a specific methodology and agenda, members will agree upon the wording of the Strategic Framework for Indigenous Development and the Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples, with the help of the Technical Working Group of SDS/IND and the specialists of the Bank's Inter-Departmental Working Group.
- Each Council member must inform the organization to which he/she is representative of the progress of the work and results of the Indigenous Advisory Council.

VII. Funding

Funding for the activities of the Indigenous Advisory Council will be covered by the Bank.

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