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Dear Mr. Zoellick,

The undersigned mandate-holders and representatives of the three United Nations mechanisms with specific mandates regarding the rights of indigenous peoples express our hope that the International Finance Corporation develops guidelines that are in accordance with international human rights standards regarding the rights of indigenous peoples to consultation and consent.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, James Anaya; the chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Carlos Mamani; and Chairperson-Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council's Expert Mechanism of the Right of Indigenous Peoples, Jose Carlos Morales, make this joint statement in light of the International Finance Corporation's upcoming review of its Sustainability Policy, Performance Standards and Disclosure Policy.

Any reforms to the International Finance Corporation's Sustainability Policy, Performance Standards and Disclosure Policy should be consistent with international standards regarding the rights of indigenous peoples, including those enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in reports concerning indigenous peoples by the United Nations treaty bodies, especially in relation to the rights of indigenous peoples to consultation and to free, prior, and informed consent.

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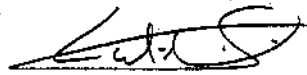
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Additionally, we understand that the World Bank is also currently reviewing the implementation of its policy on indigenous peoples and it plans to discuss the review with the Board of Executive Directors within this calendar year. We emphasize that reforms in this context should similarly respect relevant international standards regarding the rights of indigenous peoples.

Please accept, Mr. Zoellick, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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