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Alfredo Novoa Peña, Ingeniero, Perú

Dear Civil Society Organizations (CSOs):

I would like to acknowledge the letter you submitted to Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno, Inter-American Development Bank President, supporting the IDB's extensive reforms that have led the Board of Governors to approve the largest General Capital Increase in the Bank's history.

The IDB is committed to the "better bank" reform agenda that has been undertaken over the last four years to ensure greater effectiveness, transparency, and accountability in the Bank's work in the region. Bank staff and management have worked tirelessly on several of

the key accomplishments recognized in your letter: a robust development effectiveness framework, an upgraded access to information policy, a solid Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism, a "greater premium on the environmental sustainability for growth," and an "unprecedented effort to consult on the capital increase process and other policies."

With regard to the Civil Society Consulting Groups (ConSoc), to date, approximately 20 country-specific ConSocs have been initiated, and we are working diligently toward having a ConSoc in all 26 country offices.

As for your questions about the Bank's future direction under IDB-9, we would like to reiterate the invitation we have extended to meet with CSOs on this topic in September 2010. This meeting will give continuity to GCI-9 related dialogue between the IDB and CSOs held during the 2009 public consultation, as well as to meetings held in March (Cancun), April (Washington, DC), and May (teleconference) of this year.

We look forward to working with the citizens and governments of all of our member countries to continue to serve Latin America and the Caribbean as its trusted partner in development. Your letter accurately notes that "for half a century, the IDB has worked to promote growth and integration in the region and to reduce poverty and inequality." We remain dedicated to this core mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberto Vellutini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R".

Roberto Vellutini  
Vice President for Countries  
Inter-American Development Bank