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Dear Ms. Schücking,

It was good to meet with you and discuss all the relevant issues related to our ongoing Safeguard Policy Update.

In the meantime I have discussed the next steps indicated in your last e-mail dated February 25, 2008, with our Safeguard Policy Team. Like me, the Safeguard Policy Team wanted to reiterate the importance of NGO engagement in the ongoing consultation process. This would offer NGOs the opportunity to listen to other stakeholders and to allow all views to be shared and understood. It would be useful to have such discussions with you sooner rather than later, so that your views can be properly taken into account when we prepare the draft policy (working paper on the draft policy, or w-paper).

On the basis of our discussion in Berlin on February 15, 2008, and reflecting your views, we would like to suggest that you should take advantage of the Annual Meeting of the NGO Forum on ADB in Manila in the week beginning March 24, 2008, for engaging in the ongoing SPU consultation process, in addition to regional consultations.

Further opportunities would include the Japan, Europe, and North America consultations being planned for April.

After this round of consultations, when a draft w-paper (working paper on the draft policy) will be placed on ADB's website for comment, we will accommodate for another meeting with a broad range of NGOs, both regional and non-regional, as you have proposed.

At the present the comment period on the draft w-paper is 30 days. We consider this to be a sufficient time span for analyzing the paper and prepare comments and proposals.

Best regards,



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Vice President