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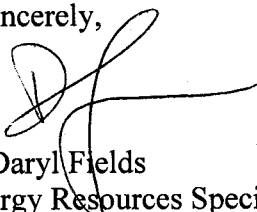
Dear Sirs,

The World Bank has, since March 2008, been an Observer to the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum. Through this role it has followed the Forum's work to establish an assessment tool to measure and guide sustainability of hydropower development.

The World Bank acknowledges that the process leading to the Final Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol and the Statement of Conclusion has been open and transparent. The final product reflects the input from all the Forum members and respectfully acknowledges areas of contention.

The World Bank recognizes the considerable effort by the multi-stakeholder Forum members and observers. It also recognizes the revised Protocol's contribution in consolidating good practices into a practical guide that not only enables performance management but can help a wide range of industry participants better understand sustainability in hydropower.

Sincerely,



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