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SUBJECT: Request for World Bank Investigation of Alleged Redirection of GEF Funds

Away from Africa in the Context of the Willful Misrepresentations of facts and GEF procedures by M. Richard Hosier, Team Leader within GEFSEC/World

Bank Group.

I refer to your discussions on the MDGs in Africa with the UN and other Multilateral Development Agencies' Heads this afternoon. As you appeared not be current on the issues raised by the Reporters in connect with the *alleged improper re-direction of funds towards developed countries* (UNIDO in Vienna for US\$ 5 million, IEPF/Francophony based in Quebec, Canada for US\$ 8 million in GEF Technical Assistance resources) and away from Africa, I am respectfully writing to inform you that I formally brought the issue to the attention of the Bank's Integrity Department on August 12th, 2007. As of August 17th, 2007 and following a face-to-face detailed discussion with the Bank Integrity Department Team in Washington, D.C., I was promised a formal written review within 2 to 3 weeks as a preliminary assessment of the case. Please, note that my formal complaint was filed on August 12th, 2007.

In addition to the above, I wish to inform the Bank that I offered a number of clarifications in writing together with various pieces of evidence at the heart of my complaint. As a result of a second face-to-face meeting on August 27th, the same Integrity Department of the World Bank wrote to me to confirm that a written evaluation of my case would be provided – **for a second time** -- via e-mail within 2 to 3 weeks which I had accepted in good faith. As of close of business this Friday September 14th, the Bank's own self imposed deadline has expired. And, I regret to bring to your attention the fact that my worse fears have come true; the World Bank Group appears to have defaulted again on an important commitment to me. Even more to the point, I am disturbed to hear that the Bank's Leadership appears not to be aware of this case, **despite a recent bi-partisan US Senate budget appropriations amendment alluding to this case**. Precisely because the Integrity Department of the Bank had told me that further consideration of my case would be a matter for Bank Senior Management to decide on August 27th, 2007 it came as a surprise to me that you seem not to have been informed by the relevant Bank Unit.

On the basis of the above, I should like to request that you kindly direct the Integrity Department to abide by its own written commitment to me by close of business on Monday September 17th, 2007. In the event that the Bank Group would like to request an extension, I trust that my Legal Counsel (Jeanne-Marie Col) would be open to any sensible proposal under the current circumstances. I look forward to your Leadership on this serious matter at the core of the integrity of the Bank's main stream operations.

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