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Mr. Juan Carlos Jintiach
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Dear Messrs. Stevenson and Jintiach,

Thank you for your letter addressed to President Zoellick, delivered during the Global Forest Leaders Forum. He has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Let me first address your concern regarding the participation of Indigenous groups of the Amazon in the Global Forest Leaders Forum (September 16 and 17). I would like to clarify that the Forum was not organized by the World Bank but by the Steering Committee of The Forests Dialogue. The Committee, composed of representatives of various stakeholders, sought to maintain a balance among various groups as well as a balanced geographical representation within groups. The Steering Committee invited 23 Indigenous Peoples' representatives from 16 countries around the world. Twelve representatives (two of whom from Brazil) attended the Forum. The World Bank financed their participation in the Forum and in meetings (two days) prior to the Forum to allow them to deliberate on various issues as a group.

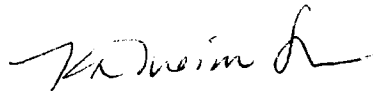
Regarding your reference to the workshop of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) held in La Paz, Bolivia, in March, 2008, participants from many organizations took part in the workshop which was facilitated by the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean (*Fondo Indígena*), chosen because it is a multilateral organization that promotes Indigenous Peoples' self-development and recognition of their rights.

Regarding your other reference to payments being made by the FCPF to the governments of Bolivia and Guyana, I wish to inform you that no payments have been made to either country. These two countries have been selected by the FCPF to build capacity for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. The FCPF process is country-driven whereby governments are the national representatives. Of course, governments are not the only stakeholders. The written guidelines are that all

stakeholders, including indigenous peoples, need to be meaningfully involved, starting with the Readiness Plan, and should benefit. As part of the Readiness Plan, a country will be required to submit an Outreach and Consultation Plan that involves all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples.

We are pleased that Amazon Alliance was able to participate in the Forum and we look forward to continued dialogue with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Sierra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Katherine Sierra
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