

THE INSPECTION PANEL

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IPN REQUEST RQ96/2

October 1, 1996

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

Dear Sir:

Re: Request for Inspection - Argentina/Paraguay: Yacyretá Hydroelectric Project

The Inspection Panel (the "Panel") received on September 30, 1996 a Request for Inspection (the "Request") dated September 12, 1996 from an organization called SOBREVIVENCIA - Friends of Earth, Paraguay - representing persons who live in the project area (the "Requesters") who claim that their rights/interests have been directly, materially and adversely affected by acts and omissions of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank"). The Request claims that people living in the project area have been, and may potentially be, directly and adversely affected in their standards of living, health and economic-well being as a result of the filling of the Yacyretá Reservoir and the Bank's omissions and failures in the preparation and implementation of the above-referenced project. The Requesters claim to be harmed as a result of alleged violations of various provisions of Bank policies and procedures set forth, inter alia, in the following:

- Environmental Policy for Dam and Reservoir Projects (OD 4.00 - Annex B)
- Environmental Assessment (OD 4.01)
- Involuntary Resettlement (OD 4.30)
- Indigenous Peoples (OD 4.20)
- Wildlands (OPN 11.02)
- Supervision (OD 13.05)
- Project Monitoring and Evaluation (OD 10.70)
- Suspension of Disbursements (OD 13.40)
- Cultural Property (OPN 11.03)
- Environmental Aspects of Bank Work (OMS 2.36)

SOBREVIVENCIA has submitted original copies of Authorizations of Representation and they have requested that the names of the signatories of such authorizations be made available only to the Inspection Panel members but otherwise remain confidential.

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Panel's Operating Procedures (the "Operating Procedures"), I am notifying you that I have on October 1, 1996, which is also the date of the dispatch of this notice, registered the Request in the Inspection Panel Register.

All communications with the Requesters in connection with the Request will be sent to Mr. Oscar Rivas at the address listed below.

Notice of Registration

October 1, 1996

In accordance with paragraph 18 of Bank Resolution No. 93-10 and paragraph 18(d) of the Operating Procedures, IBRD Management is hereby notified that it must provide the Panel no later than October 31, 1996 with written evidence that it has complied, or intends to comply with the relevant policies and procedures in the implementation of the above-referenced project. The essential criteria for the response to the Request are set out in paragraph 33 of the Operating Procedures.

The Request has been assigned IPN Request Number RQ96/2.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Bissell
Chairman

TO: Mr. Oscar Rivas
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TO: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn
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[by hand against confirmation]

cc: The Executive Directors
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