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Mr. Luc Gnacadja
Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the United Nations Convention
to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
Bonn, Germany

Dear Mr. Gnacadja:

On behalf of Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter American Development Bank, I am responding to your kind letter dated December 22, 2007, emphasizing the importance of the participation of the IADB, through technical non-reimbursable assistance, in support of the Sub-Regional Action Plan to combat desertification and the effects of drought in Mesoamerican countries and the Dominican Republic (SRAP Mesoamerica).

I would like to inform you that the Bank shares the concerns expressed in your letter, and supports the Mesoamerican Sub-Region in different national initiatives related to this problem.

With regards to the technical cooperation request presented to the Bank's Regional Public Goods Fund, I would like to inform you that it is being evaluated by a technical committee, which has the difficult task of selecting the proposals that will be financed by the Fund during this year from a group of very worthy proposals of high priority but with a total amount that far exceeds the available resources.

We will follow this process closely, hoping to be able to contribute to this matter.

Sincerely,



Gina Montiel

UNCCD

Date **25. Feb. 2008**

Cc: Laura Bocalandro, INT/INT

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