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IPN REQUEST RQ01/1

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

**Re: Request for Inspection – CHAD: Petroleum Development and Pipeline
Project (Credit No. 4558-CD); Management of the Petroleum Economy Project
(Credit No. 3316-CD); Petroleum Sector Management Capacity-Building
Project (Credit No. 3373-CD)**

On March 22, 2001, the Inspection Panel (the “Panel”) received a Request for Inspection (the “Request”) dated December 15, 2000 related to the above-referenced Projects. The Request was submitted by Mr. Ngarlejy Yorongar who is also acting for and on behalf of 120 residents of the Cantons of Miandoum, Komé, Béro, Mbikou, Bébédjia and Béboni (all in the sub-prefecture of Bébédjia), Republic of Chad (the “Requesters”).

The Request claims that people living in the Project area and their environment have or are likely to suffer harm as a result of failures and omissions in the design, appraisal, and supervision by the International Development Association (the “Bank”) of the above-referenced Projects. The Request claims that development of petroleum activities, including the development of oil fields in the southern part of Chad and the construction of an oil pipeline between Chad and neighboring Cameroon, represents a threat to local communities, their cultural property, and to the environment. There is also a specific claim that those living in the Doba basin are being harmed or are likely to be harmed because a compensation plan and an environmental assessment have either not been adequately prepared or not prepared. Finally, the Request claims that proper consultation with and disclosure of information to the local communities did not take place.

The Requesters’ claim they have or are likely to be harmed as a result of alleged Bank violations of various provisions of the following Bank Policies and Procedures:

OD 4.01 on Environmental Assessment
OP/BP 4.04 on Natural Habitats
OP 4.09 on Pest Management

OD 4.15 on Poverty Reduction
OD 4.20 on Indigenous Peoples
OD 4.30 on Involuntary Resettlement
OP 4.36 on Forestry
BP 17.50 on Disclosure of Operational Information
OP 10.04 on Economic Evaluation of Investment Operations
OPN 11.03 on Management of Cultural Property in Bank-Financed Project
OD 13.05 on Project Supervision

Mr. Ngarleju Yorongar has submitted copies of authorization of representation signed by the Requesters, who have requested that their names be made available only to the Panel members, but otherwise remain confidential. All communications with the Requesters in connection with the Request will be sent to Mr. Ngarleju Yorongar.

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Panel's Operating Procedures (the "*Operating Procedures*"), I am notifying you that I have, on April 11, 2001, which is also the date of the dispatch of this notice, registered this Request in the Inspection Panel Register. Due to the fact that the Panel's "registration" process is often misunderstood, I would like to emphasize that "registration" is an administrative procedure established by the Panel and that it implies no judgment whatsoever concerning the eligibility of the Request.

In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Resolution, paragraphs 2 and 8 of the "*Conclusions of the Board's Second Review of the Inspection Panel*" (the "1999 Clarifications"), and paragraph 18 (d) of the *Operating Procedures*, Bank Management has been notified that it must provide the Panel, no later than May 10, 2001, with written evidence that it has complied, or intends to comply with the Bank's relevant policies and procedures in relation to the above-referenced Projects. The subject matter the Management must deal with in a response to the Request is set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the 1999 Clarifications.

After receiving the Management response, the Panel will, as outlined in the 1999 Clarifications and as provided by paragraph 19 of the Resolution, "determine whether the Request meets the eligibility criteria set out in paragraphs 12 to 14 and shall make a recommendation to the Executive Directors as to whether the matter should be investigated."

The Request has been assigned IPN Request Number RQ01/1.

Yours sincerely,

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