



March 6<sup>th</sup> , 2019

Mr. Leonardo A. Crippa  
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Dear Mr. Crippa:

We thank you for your kind communication, regarding your observations on the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples.

Under the leadership of Mr. Roberto Manrique, the IDB has embarked in a process of enhancing and modernizing its environmental and social operational policies, in which the IDB's Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples will be reviewed, updated and integrated into a comprehensive environmental and social policy framework. During this process, the IDB team will engage in a consultation process with indigenous peoples, civil society, and community stakeholders throughout the region to consider their perspective and seek guidance, in accordance with international standards and best practices.

The IDB team is looking forward to the participation of the Indian Law Resource Center, along with indigenous networks in Latin America and the Caribbean, to actively support us in this process and contribute to the development of a comprehensive policy framework that maintains high oversight standards and development effectiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Rodriguez-Ortiz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ana Maria Rodriguez-Ortiz  
Vicepresident for Sectors and Knowledge