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From			

THE WORLD BANK
Washington, D.C. 20433
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BARBER B. CONABLE
President

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January 24, 1990

Dear Mr. Minister:

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In order to discuss these issues further in a forum which brings together interested donors, as well as the representatives of UNDP and UNEP, since they are key actors in this area, we intend to hold a preliminary meeting on March 15-16, 1990 in Paris to which your Government is invited. I have asked Mr. Ernest Stern, Bank's Senior Vice President for Finance, to chair these discussions. A list of donors and agencies invited to this meeting is attached. Further details and a discussion paper will be sent to you shortly.

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Sincerely,

Mr.
Ministry of
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Attachment
cc: ED

MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING
Paris, March 15-16, 1990

Governments Invited

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Canada
Denmark
Finland
France
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Italy
Japan
Netherlands
Norway
Saudi Arabia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States

Agencies Invited

UNDP
UNEP

THE WORLD BANK

January 25, 1990

Mr. Kashiwaya:
Mr. Vergin

Could you please let me have
your reactions.

MOEEN A. QURESHI
Senior Vice President, Operations

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front funds which have
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DRAFT environmental initiatives

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DEEN A. QURESHI
Senior Vice President, Operations

January 26, 1990

Ms. Haug:

Marianne:

Draft Letter on Global Environmental Fund

I suggest a couple of changes. The insert is designed to take into cognizance the contribution of grant funds by several donors who have already contributed or pledged grant funds for technical assistance:

1) Replace the fourth sentence of the first paragraph, which reads: "It appears that" with "It appears that there is broad agreement on the notion of providing additional concessional resources to support environmental actions with global implications. While several donors' contributions of technical assistance grant funds have supported, and will continue to support, important local environmental initiatives in the recipient countries, this does not provide these countries with sufficient incentive to address environmental issues with international implications."

2) Please insert "also" in the 3rd line of the 2nd paragraph, i.e. "....since they are also key actors in"

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cc: Mr. Kashiwaya

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THE WORLD BANK / IFC / MIGA

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 1990

TO: Mr. Moeen A. Qureshi, OPNSV

FROM: Koji Kashiwaya, CFSVP

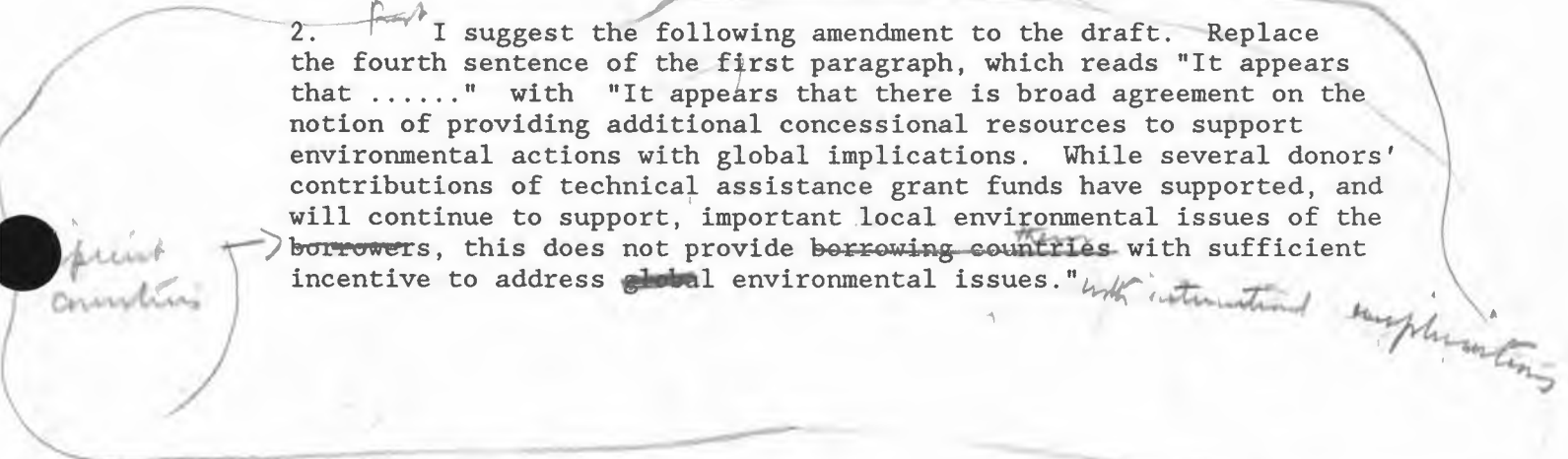
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SUBJECT: Draft President's Letter on Global Environmental Fund

1. I think that a sentence should be inserted that refers to the contribution of grant funds by several donors in support of technical assistance for environmental projects. Otherwise, this letter may cause unnecessary negative reactions by donors who have already contributed or pledged grant funds for technical assistance.

2. I suggest the following amendment to the draft. Replace the fourth sentence of the first paragraph, which reads "It appears that" with "It appears that there is broad agreement on the notion of providing additional concessional resources to support environmental actions with global implications. While several donors' contributions of technical assistance grant funds have supported, and will continue to support, important local environmental issues of the borrowers, this does not provide ~~borrowing countries~~ with sufficient incentive to address ~~global~~ environmental issues."



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cc: Messrs. Vergin, Bock, Taylor

Thank him for the 2nd paragraph