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Ms. Navanethem Pillay
High Commissioner for Human Rights
United Nations

Dear Ms. Pillay,

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 2010, inviting the World Bank to send information for the preparation of a study on challenges and best practices in the implementation of the international framework for the protection of the rights of the child in the context of migration.

The World Bank approaches migration from a development perspective. The Bank's work program spans data gathering, monitoring of flows and analysis of determinants and impacts of migration and remittances. The Bank is considered the leader in the area of remittances and it was also the first to highlight that South-South migration may be larger than South-North migration. Given the importance of the topic of the protection of the rights of the child in the context of migration, we think that this issue will be discussed in the Bank as the migration agenda matures.

The Bank has built extensive partnerships with the UN agencies working on migration and development issues. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate how much we value the work of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. We look forward to continuing to interact with you and your team on this important topic. I am asking my colleague Dilip Ratha (dratha@worldbank.org, +1 -202-458-0558) to follow up with your office in case you need additional information on the Bank's activities on migration and remittances.

Sincerely,

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