

To

European Executive Directors  
The World Bank  
Washington, D.C. 20443

Berlin, 17 March 2010

European NGOs gathered in Berlin for their bi-annual meetings on International Financial Institutions, welcome your meeting with representatives of South African civil society on the MEDUPI coal fired power plant (ESKOM).

European NGOs have written to you individually calling on you to oppose approval of the proposed ESKOM Project and we reiterate this call.

We feel that there are several issues to be addressed before any decision can take place regarding the Bank supporting the Eskom Project, which showed to be extremely contentious in South Africa.

We ask you to play a constructive role in making sure that the issues raised by South African civil society will be addressed by Bank management in a detailed written response.

As European NGOs we are concerned about escalating World Bank support for coal and fossil fuel projects. If the World Bank Group is really committed to address climate change and reduce the global emissions of its lending portfolio, it should consider low-carbon alternatives which ensure access to energy for the poor in South Africa as pointed out by local and international NGOs.

We thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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