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Dear Prof Asmal,

You are aware that our organizations were members of the WCD Forum and that we participated in the recent 3rd and final meeting of the WCD Forum held on 26 and 27 February, in good faith, despite of our reservations about the WCD Report launched in November 2000.

We have recently come across a draft declaration about the 3rd meeting. We were surprised to see the declaration, which was not drafted during the meeting.

A proposal was made by the Secretariat of the WCD to create a new body on 'Dams and Development', to work over a two-year period, and it was agreed that a clear definition of its terms of reference and structure would be sent to the existing Forum members inviting their comments. But no decision was taken on the creation of the new organization in Spier.

We would like to inform you that we are not in agreement with the content of the declaration.

Yours sincerely

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