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Dear Mr. Juneau:

We are writing to follow up on our meeting during the EBRD AGM, and to thank you for your interest in Turkmenistan. We appreciate the time you and the Board took to meet with NGOs and are encouraged by the EBRD's commitment to upholding the highest human rights standards, as you stated during that meeting. The EBRD's strong stance on human rights and accountability in Turkmenistan sets a standard that the other international financial institutions can and should look to, and, as we stated during the AGM, we encourage the EBRD to uphold its current policy regarding investment in Turkmenistan until such time that the situation improves substantively within the country. We would be pleased to provide comment on the new Turkmenistan policy as it is revised, per suggestions by EBRD staff.

Thank you also for your interest in the Nabucco project, and its links to Turkmenistan. As we stated in our meeting, civil society and human rights activists are concerned that international financial institutions, including the EBRD, may consider providing support to Nabucco, which will most certainly carry Turkmen gas to western markets. We request that you abstain from financing any portion of Nabucco until human rights standards within Turkmenistan are on par with European standards.

We were concerned to see multiple reports in the June 4, 2009 press that Nabucco's Managing Director, Reinhardt Mitchek, claims that both the EBRD and the EIB will be financing Nabucco. (<http://radio.businessfm.ru/node/24941>, <http://1news.az/economy/20090604111853916.html>, http://www.gazeta.ru/news/business/2009/06/04/n_1368835.shtml)

In one report, Mr. Mitchek was quoted saying, "Twenty-five percent of the financing of the project has already been determined, specifically, the EBRD has already given its agreement with regard to this question." (<http://1news.az/economy/20090604111853916.html>). Another source quoted Mr.

Mitchek as saying, "the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank stated their readiness to provide 25% of the resources for the construction of the gas pipeline, the cost of which is around 7 billion euro."

http://www.gazeta.ru/news/business/2009/06/04/n_1368835.shtml

Following the AGM, we understood from your statements, as well as those of the President, that no decisions had been made regarding financing of the project. In fact, we understood that no proposals had been submitted yet to the EBRD.

We would greatly appreciate your confirmation of this understanding or a clarification of the situation if we are mistaken.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your response.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Watters".

Kate Watters
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