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**Re: Comments on Draft Public Communications Policy
of the Asian Development Bank**

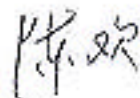
Dear Mr. Murray:

Due to staff constraint arising from the incoming Global Poverty Conference, we were not able to attend the meeting organized by PRCM on May 20. We have to provide our comments in writing. Mainly, we have two concerns:

1, the new policy seems to put forward more stringent time requirements for safeguard policy (please see page 21, 22, 42, 44) and may have negative implications for project cycle. There is a need for the new policy to analyze those implications and suggest ways to deal with them. While improving transparency and ADB profile are in the right direction, they should not be achieved at the expense of efficiency

2, the new policy has done analysis of its impact on ADB resources. We are under the impression that the new policy will impact DMCs' resources as well. The new policy needs to analyze its impact on DMCs' resources and propose countermeasures.

Sincerely yours



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