

NOTIFICATION

FROM: Victoria Márquez-Mees, Executive Secretary.
REFERENCE: PR-MICI002-2010 “Program to Improve Highway Corridors in Paraguay” (Loan 933 A/OC-PR)
DATE: July 12, 2013
SUBJECT: Final decision by the Board of Executive Directors regarding the Compliance Review Report for case PR-MICI002-2010

In line with the responsibility provided for in section 71 of the Policy establishing the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism I am informing the Requester, the Borrower/recipient and the public in general via the Registry in the website (www.iadb.org/icim) of the following:

On July 11, 2013, the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism was notified by the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank of the final decision taken regarding the findings and recommendations presented by the Panel of Independent Experts in the Compliance Review Report for case PR- MICI002-2010 “Program to Improve Highway Corridors in Paraguay” (Loan 933 A/OC- PR). This decision was registered in the minutes of the Board of Executive Directors session held on April 10, 2013, and approved on June 19, 2013. The notification reads as follows:

“With regard to the discussion of report MI-6-4 “Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism Compliance Review Report of loan 933 A/OC-PN “Program to Improve Highway Corridors in Paraguay” the Board has taken note of the conclusions presented in documents MI-6-4 y PR-2128-5 and considers relevant to highlight the following four elements in connection with this investigation:

- a. The Panel report does not provide compelling findings that would serve as evidence of Management’s non-compliance of the Relevant Operational Policies.***
- b. The Panel report provides evidence of the efforts made by Management in support of the Requesting communities beyond the limits of Bank responsibility.***
- c. There are doubts regarding the usefulness of the report presented by the ICIM although containing valid conclusions and lessons, as the exercise may have not been entirely justified due to the presence of an error in the date of the last loan disbursement, which led to a compliance review that should not have been undertaken.***
- d. The Board recognizes the usefulness of the Panel report as lessons learned particularly relevant to the review of the Policy of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism.”***

Kindly request confirmation of receipt of the present Notification

Victoria Márquez-Mees
Executive Secretary