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By letter dated 16 September 1997, the Minister for Development Cooperation requested the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) an advisory review of the studies financed by the Inter-american Development Bank and other reports and studies of relevance regarding possible environmental impacts of the Hidrovia Paraguay-Paraná navigation project.

I herewith submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA. In addition, the working group would like to stress again its observation mentioned in its advice regarding the NEDA-funded study executed by a coalition of NGO's. The working group is of the opinion that the study will acquire a considerable added value if it will be re-edited, particularly the conclusions and the summary. The working group recommends that a summary be prepared, reflecting and analysing the contents of the documents in question. Only then the NGO's study may be useful for consultants and decision-makers.

The Commission appreciates to be informed about the use the NEDA intends to make of the advice.

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