

commission for environmental impact assessment

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subject
Advisory review of an environmental
sector study and of six project proposals
in Sri Lanka

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By letter dated 19 June 2000, you invited the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to advise on an Environmental Sector Study and on six project proposals in Sri Lanka.

I herewith submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA. The Commission has focussed its advice on the following issues:

- An assessment of the usefulness of the Environmental Sector Study as as a tool for environmental planning and as an instrument for the assessment of project proposals;
- The development of an approach/tool for the assessment of project proposals within the natural resource management sector;
- A first attempt in assessing the six project proposals.

During the preparation of its advice, the Commission was informed that some of the six project proposals were already ongoing or not any longer considered for co-financing. The Commission however decided to take the original request of the Embassy as the point of departure. Moreover, the development of an approach/tool for project assessment in the Natural Resource Management sector was considered equally important as the actual outcomes of the assessment.

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The Commission trusts to be informed as to what extent the Embassy intends to make use of its advice and recommendations.

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