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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVISTS BEGIN FAST TO URGE WORLD BANK TO END
FORCED DISPLACEMENT

WHAT: A Press Conference Announcing a 3-day Fast to Protest World Bank Policies

WHEN: Friday, April 23, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: EDWARD R. MURROW PARK, across from the World Bank, at 18th
between H and Pennsylvania.

WHY: International activists are initiating a 3-day fast to coincide with the World
Bank’s spring meetings to call attention to the legacy of impoverishment associated with
the forced displacement of peoples by World Bank funded large scale infrastructure
projects such as mines and dams. They demand that the Bank make policy changes to
ensure the rights of people adversely affected by the Bank’s lending practices. A letter to
the Bank with a list of demands will be presented at the press.

WHO: Press Conference Speakers:
Smitu Kothari, Program Director, Lokayan (India), past recipient of the Right Livelihood
Award. Dr. Kothari is a scholar-activist involved over the past three decades in
ecological, cultural and human rights issues. He is currently a Visiting Professor at
Princeton University.

Dickson Mundia, Founder, Basilwizi Trust, Kariba Dam (Zimbabwe) oustee. Mr.
Mundia is a lawyer campaigning for compensation for the Tonga people, displaced by the
World Bank funded Kariba Dam in Zimbabwe.

Angana Chatterji, Professor, California Institute of Integral Studies. Since 1984, Dr.
Chatterji has been conducting advocacy and policy research with postcolonial social
movements toward enabling participatory democracy for social and ecological justice.

Elias Diaz Pena, Founder, SOBREVIVENCIA, Friends of the Earth - Paraguay, past
recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize. Mr. Pena’s organization has helped local
affected people file two claims to the World Bank Inspection Panel to challenge
implementation failures in the Yacyretá Hydroelectric Project on the Paraguay-Argentina
border.

Dana Clark, President, International Accountability Project, Berkeley, CA. Ms. Clark is
a human rights and environmental lawyer that has recently co-authored and co-edited a
book assessing the efficacy of the World Bank's Inspection Panel.

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