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Dear Mr. Sottas,

I thank you for your letter dated 1 February 2008 in which you bring to my attention information about killings and violence in connection with the Phulbari mining project in Bangladesh. Such information is important to contextualise my work on the mandate on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

As much as I appreciate being informed about this case, which reminds me of the compelling reasons to advance more effective human rights protection in the areas covered by my mandate, I regret to inform you that my current mandate does not allow me to intervene in a more direct manner in the case.

I note that you have also conveyed the information to other Special Procedures who are mandated to engage directly with Governments about alleged human rights violations, and I trust that they will take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely/

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