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### **The Compliance Review Panel Registers a Request for Compliance Review**

**Manila, 6 December 2004.** The Compliance Review Panel (CRP) today registered its first request for compliance review ([Request](#)). This Request is filed by the Joint Organization of the Affected Communities of the Colombo-Matara Highway (JO) on the Southern Transport Development Project (STDP or Project) [Loan No. 1711-SRI] in Sri Lanka.

The Request was filed after the complaint submitted by JO entered step 7 of the consultation process in the consultation phase of the ADB Accountability Mechanism. Parallel process of both consultation and compliance review is allowed at this stage.

The JO represents 28 persons negatively affected by the Project. The Requesters claim to be suffering from, or will be suffering from, harm as a result of alleged noncompliance by ADB of its operational policies and procedures under the Project. The [Notice of Registration](#) and other information on this Request is in the [CRP Registry](#) at the CRP website [www.compliance.adb.org](http://www.compliance.adb.org).

In accordance with the CRP Operating Procedures, the CRP will determine, within 14 days from today, whether the Request is eligible for compliance review, and will provide ADB Board of Directors with a report. If the CRP determines that the Request is ineligible, it will inform the ADB Board of Directors of its decision. If the CRP determines that the Request is eligible, it will recommend to the ADB Board of Directors that a compliance review be authorized.

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