



26 February 2008

Dear Mr. Meyer,

First of all, my apologies for responding to your letter only now. The follow-up activities after the launch of the Human Development Report 2007/2008 and the Bali Conference in December kept us busy and out of the Office for quite a while. Also, please note that as of 1 January 2008 I am no longer the lead author of the global Human Development Reports.

The omission to acknowledge the source of “Contraction and Convergence” in a footnote in the last Human Development Report, was inadvertent and we are willing to make due acknowledgement by way of an online errata. The online Human Development Report has a more extensive readership and therefore the errata would be received widely. In addition to it, we would provide an online link in the errata to the GCI website.

Regarding the request for a paper errata, we regret that hard copies of the report were already distributed last year and a reprint would not be possible. We provide assurance that GCI will be acknowledged in the event that the concept of “Contraction and Convergence” in the Human Development Report is subsequently used in future reports.

We will be glad to talk to you further on this matter if need be. Please accept again our regret for any inconvenience or embarrassment caused by this omission.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kevin Watkins', is written over a light blue grid background.

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