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Dear Ms. González Meyauí:

It is commendable on the part of the Environment Support Group in Bangalore, India for effectively utilizing legal redressal mechanisms and eliciting appropriate responses from the judiciary and administration to protect, conserve, and wisely use Karnataka State's 35,000 irrigation tanks (lakes) and their canal networks. The guidelines evolved to assist in this process are pragmatic as they acknowledge the importance of community centered, democratic, and ecologically viable interventions for managing watersheds and water resources. This is an important step towards securing public commons and could go a long way in extending water and food security to millions who are in critical need of the same.

Sincerely yours,

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