International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Re: IDA Credit 5274-BJ (Benin Cities Support Project)
Section 5.01 of the General Conditions
Financial and Economic Data

Dear Sirs:

In connection with the Financing Agreement (Financing Agreement) of this date between
the Republic of Benin (Member Country) and International Development Association
(Association) providing financing (Financing) for the above-captioned Operation, and the
General Conditions (General Conditions) made applicable to the Financing Agreement, I am
writing on behalf of the Member Country, to set forth the following:

1. We understand and agree that, for purposes of Section 5.01 of the General Conditions,
   the Member Country is required by the Association:

   (a) to report “long-term external debt” (as defined in the World Bank’s Debtor
       Reporting System Manual, dated January 2000 (DRSM)), in accordance with the DRSM,
       and in particular, to notify the Association of new “loans commitments” (as defined in the
       DRSM) not later than 30 days after the end of the quarter during which the debt is incurred,
       and to notify the Association of “transactions under loans” (as defined in the DRSM) once a
       year, not later than March 31 of the year following the year covered by the report; and

   (b) to (i) notify the Association at least three months prior to incurring any non-
       concessional long-term external debt, of its intention to incur such debt, together with the
       proposed terms of such debt; and (ii) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to
       exchange views with the Member Country on the matter. For purposes of this paragraph,
       “non-concessional long-term external debt” means any long-term external debt (as defined in
       the DRSM), but excluding private debt (as so defined), with an estimated grant element (GE)
       calculated in the manner published from time to time by the Association (see,
       www.worldbank.org/ida under “reports”) of less than (i) 35% or (ii) the GE for determining
       concessionality established by the International Monetary Fund in any Poverty Reduction and
       Growth Facility arrangement or Policy Support Instrument with the Member Country in effect
       at the time of such notice, whichever is higher.

2. We represent that, except as reported to the Association, no defaults exist in respect of
   any external debt (as defined in the DRSM). It is our understanding that, in making the
   Financing, the Association may rely on the representations set forth or referred to in this letter.
Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing by having a duly authorized representative of the Association sign in the space provided below.

Very truly yours,

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

by: [Signature]

Authorized Representative

AGREED:

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: [Signature]

Authorized Representative