TO: The President, International Development Association

Recommendation of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Credit (First Phase of the West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program – Benin Project) to the Republic of Benin.

The undersigned Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits its recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association provide to the Republic of Benin a credit in an amount equivalent to SDR 23,200,000. The purposes of said credit are to contribute to increase geographical reach of broadband networks and to reduce the costs of communications services in the territory of the Republic of Benin.

1. The Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to provide such a credit, and of the purposes to which the proceeds of the credit are to be applied.

2. The Committee is of the opinion that the project for which the proceeds of such credit are to be applied comes within the purposes of the Association as set forth in Article I of said Articles of Agreement, and that said project is designed to promote the economic development of the Republic of Benin and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Republic of Benin.
3. Accordingly, the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.

COMMITTEE

[Signatures]

Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel

Nominee selected by Governor for the Republic of Benin

Regional Vice President Africa Region

Dated at Washington, D.C.
JUN 25 2012