TO: The President, International Development Association

Recommendation of the nominee selected by Republic of Niger as a member of the Committee under Section 1(d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Grant and Credit (Niger Solar Electricity Access Project) to the Republic of Niger

The undersigned member of the Committee constituted under Section 1(d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits this recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association grant to the Republic of Niger a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 3,200,000, and a credit in the amount of Euro 42,700,000. The purpose of said grant and credit is to increase access to electricity through solar energy in rural and peri-urban areas of the Republic of Niger.

1. The member of the Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such grant and credit, and of the purpose(s) to which the proceeds of the grant and credit are to be applied.

2. The member of the Committee is of the opinion that the project toward the financing of which the proceeds of such grant and 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 Niger and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Republic of Niger.

3. Accordingly, the member of the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.

Dated at Washington, D.C.

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