RECOMMENDATION OF STATUTORY COMMITTEE

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 and Grant (Cyclone Ian Reconstruction and Climate Resilience Project) to the Kingdom of Tonga.

The undersigned Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits its recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association grant to the Kingdom of Tonga (the Recipient) a Credit in an amount equivalent to SDR 3,900,000 and a Grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 3,900,000. The purpose of said Credit and Grant are to: (a) restore housing, community facilities, and basic services to the affected population of Ha’apai; and (b) strengthen the Recipient’s resilience to natural disasters.

1. The Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a Credit and Grant, and of the purpose to which the proceeds of the Credit and Grant are to be applied.

2. The Committee is of the opinion that the program in support of which the proceeds of such Credit and Grant 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 program is designed to promote the economic development of the Recipient and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Recipient.
3. Accordingly, the Committee finds that said program merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said program for such assistance.

COMMITTEE

Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel

Nominee Selected by Governor for the Kingdom of Tonga

Regional Vice President East Asia and Pacific

Dated at Washington, D.C.

5-20-2014