TO: The President, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Recommendation of the expert selected by the Republic of Iraq as a member of the Committee under Section 4 (iii) of Article III of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Loan (Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project) to the Republic of Iraq.

The undersigned member of the Committee constituted under Section 7 of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) hereby submits this recommendation as part of the report pursuant to Section 4 (iii) of Article III of said Articles in respect of the proposal that the Bank grant to the Republic of Iraq a loan in an amount of forty-one million five hundred thousand Dollars ($41,500,000). The purpose of said loan is to improve financial information management and transparency, cash management, public investment management and public procurement modernization at selected federal and governorate agencies.

1. The member of the Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a loan, and of the purpose to which the proceeds of the loan 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 loan are to be applied comes within the purposes of the Bank as set forth in Article I of said Articles of Agreement, and that said project is designed to promote the development of the productive facilities and resources of the Republic of Iraq and is in the interest of the Republic of Iraq and of the members of the Bank as a whole.

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

Dated at Washington, D.C.

December 6, 2016