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 (Second Skills Development Project) to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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 Islamic Republic of Afghanistan a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 35,700,000. The objective of the Project is to increase the potential for employment and higher earnings of graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) schools and institutes through improvements in the skills delivery system.

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

2. The Committee is of the opinion that the project toward the financing of which the proceeds of such 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 project is designed to promote the economic development of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
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 Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Regional Vice President South Asia Region

Dated at Washington, D.C.

3/1/2013