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Republic of Cameroon: Flood Emergency Project

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION*

Meeting of the Executive Directors

June 11, 2013

The Executive Directors approved the credit to the Republic of Cameroon for the Flood Emergency Project in the amount of SDR71.6 million (US$108 million equivalent) on the terms and conditions set out in the President's Memorandum (IDA/R2013-0154). The minutes will reflect that Ms. Aviel wished to be recorded as abstaining for legislatively mandated reasons.

Directors welcomed the timely response to the Government of Cameroon's request and commended the Bank on the speed and quality of project preparation. They supported the emergency response to rehabilitate the flood-affected hydraulic infrastructure and achieve sustainable water management, flood protection and food security in the far North Region of Cameroon. Directors were encouraged that the project provides critical capacity building in financial management, disaster management and risk reduction, and improved governance. They underscored the need for prevention of potential adverse environmental and social impacts and reducing disparities between the North and the rest of the country. Directors stressed the importance of taking into account transboundary aspects of the operation, particularly with respect to regional disaster preparedness. Directors also emphasized the need for local community involvement, particularly with respect to maintenance.

Directors requested close monitoring of the operation and maintenance of the hydraulic infrastructure, including cost recovery from water users, being mindful of the poorest and most vulnerable, to ensure that infrastructure is maintained beyond the lifetime of the project. Directors highlighted the importance of adequate costing and applying lessons learned from previous project experience. They highlighted close adherence to the Bank's resettlement policies when temporarily resettling people during the upcoming rainy season.

*This summary is not an approved record.