Minister of Economy and Finance  
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BP 747  
Libreville  
République Gabonaise

Re: IBRD Loan 9124-GA (Gabon COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Project)  
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter

Excellency:

I refer to the Loan Agreement between GABONESE REPUBLIC (the “Borrower”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank”) for the above-referenced Project. The General Conditions, as defined in the Loan Agreement, provide that the Borrower may from time to time request withdrawals of Loan Amounts from the Loan Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify from time to time by notice to the Borrower. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (“DFIL”) and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Loan Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Loan Funds


(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Borrower, and conditions, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications and processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account.
(ii) Electronic Delivery. Section 10.01 (c) of the General Conditions.

The Borrower will deliver Withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents) electronically through the Bank’s web-based portal “Client Connection” at https://clientconnection.worldbank.org. This option will be effected after the officials designated in writing by the Borrower who are authorized to sign and deliver Withdrawal Applications have registered as users of “Client Connection”. The designated officials will deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through “Client Connection”. By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Borrower confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Bank by electronic means. The Borrower may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Withdrawal Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Borrower encounters legal limitations), and which were previously agreed with the Bank. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Borrower confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the World Bank's public website at https://worldbank.org and “Client Connection”; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits

(i) Financial Reports. The Borrower must prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports (“IFR”) for the Project covering the quarter.

(ii) Audits. Each audit of the Financial Statements must cover the period of one fiscal year of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Financial Statements for each such period must be furnished to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

III. Other Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank’s website (http://www.worldbank.org/) and “Client Connection”. The Bank recommends that you register as a user of “Client Connection”. From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the World Bank by email at AskLoan@WorldBank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Abubakrye Seck
Country Director for Gabon Africa Region
Attachments
1. Statement of Expenditure (SOE)

With copies: Permanent Secretariat of the National Commission for Public Infrastructure Works and Promotion of Small-Scale Enterprises (CN-TIPPEE)
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### Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions

#### Basic Information

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<th>Loan Number</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Closing Date</th>
<th>Disbursement Deadline Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>9124-GA</td>
<td>Gabonese Republic</td>
<td>Section III.B.3. of Schedule 2 to the Loan Agreement.</td>
<td>Four months after same as the closing date.</td>
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#### Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation

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<td>Direct Payment</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Reimbursement</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 1 of the DFIL</td>
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<td>Advance (into a Designated Account)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 1 of the DFIL</td>
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<td>Special Commitments</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Copy of Letter of Credit</td>
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#### Designated Account (Sections 5 and 6 **)

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Segregated DA managed by CNTIPPEE PIU for activities not executed by UN agencies</th>
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<td>Currency</td>
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<td>Frequency of Reporting Subsection 6.3 (**))</td>
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<td>Amount</td>
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#### Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5)

The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement, Direct Payment and Special Commitment is 5 percent of the DA ceiling.

#### Authorized Signatures (Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 ***) The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter Withdrawal and Documentation Applications (Subsection 3.3 and 3.4 ***)

Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1).

Applications for this Loan will be signed by the official(s) authorized to sign Applications as indicated in the letter dated July 21, 2019 signed by H.E. Julien-Nkoghe Bekale.

Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). All Withdrawal Applications and their supporting documentation will be electronically sent via the Bank’s system Client Connection.

#### Additional Information

In case of category 1 of the table under Schedule 2 Section III.A ("Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds"), payments to UN Agencies (if any) would be made through UN Commitment disbursement mechanism. In case of contract with UN Agency, an application for issuance of UN Commitment is to be submitted by the Recipient. Subsequent payment and documentation of expenditures would be as per the commitment letter to be issued by the Association and the agreement between the Recipient and the UN agency.

#### Other

None

** Sections and subsections relate to the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.
Attachment 1 – Statement of Expenditures

SOE Model Template (incl. listing of prior review payments)
IBRD – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Payment made during the period from ___________ to ___________.

The following expenditures have been incurred during the retroactive financing period (please tick)
The following expenditures have been incurred before the closing date of the loan/credit/grant (please tick)

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<td>Supplier’s Name</td>
<td>Brief Description of the Expenditure</td>
<td>Prior Review (Contract?) (YES or NO)</td>
<td>Contract # (Client Connection # for Prior Review Contracts)</td>
<td>Contract Currency and Amount (Original + Amendment)</td>
<td>Invoice Number</td>
<td>Date of Payment</td>
<td>Total Amount of Invoice Covered by Application (Net of Retention)</td>
<td>% Financed from the Bank</td>
<td>Eligible Amount (Col 9 x 10)</td>
<td>Exchange Rate</td>
<td>Date of Withdrawal from the Designated Account</td>
<td>Amount Withdrawn from the Designated Account (Col 11/12)</td>
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Supporting documents for this SOE are retained at ____________________________

(Insert location)
A separate form should be used for each category.