

RECOMMENDATION OF STATUTORY COMMITTEE

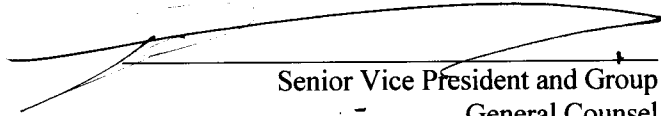
TO: The President, International Development Association

Recommendation of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Grant (Sahel Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend Regional Project) to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

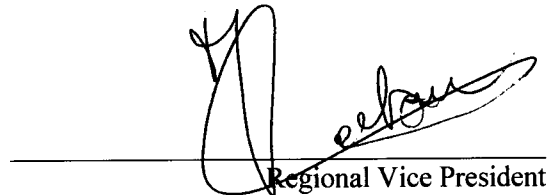
The undersigned Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits its recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association grant to ECOWAS a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 3,400,000. The purpose of said grant is to increase women and adolescent girls' empowerment and their access to quality reproductive, child and maternal health services in selected areas of the Participating Countries, and to improve regional knowledge generation and sharing as well as regional capacity and coordination.

1. The Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to provide such a grant, and of the purpose to which the proceeds of the grant are to be applied.
2. The Committee is of the opinion that the project for 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 Member Countries of ECOWAS and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Member Countries of ECOWAS.
3. Accordingly, the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.

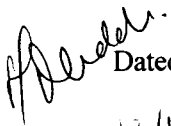
COMMITTEE



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Dated at Washington, D.C.

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