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OF  
JUSTICE SERVICES STRENGTHENING PROJECT  
LOAN 7824-CO

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*COLOMBIA – JUSTICE SERVICES STRENGTHENING PROJECT*  
*P083904*  
**LOAN 7824-CO**

**Restructuring Paper**

1. Proceeds for *Colombia “Justice Services Strengthening Project” Loan 7824-CO, (P083904)*, will be reallocated as follow:

**Table 1**

<b>Category of Expenditure</b>		<b>Allocation</b>		<b>% of Financing</b>
Current	Revised	Current	Revised	
(1) Goods, Works Consultants' Services, Non-Consultant Services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts A, B, C.2 and D of the Project		16,290,000	18,780,000	100%
(2) Goods, Consultants' Services, Non-Consultant Services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts C.1 and C.3 of the Project		820,000	1,220,000	100%
(3)Unallocated		2,890,000	0	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>		20,000,000	20,000,000	100%

2. The Project has been performing satisfactorily for the past year. In July 2011, a chronograph of activities was established in order to allocate vast resources in a short time-frame allowing for the significant improvement in commitments. The Project has disbursed to date USD 14,671,066, representing more than 73% of the total loan amount.

3. The proposed reallocation is necessary to shift proceeds of the Loan across categories of expenditure as presented in detail in Table No.1. The proposed reallocation will shift US\$400,000 from the unallocated category of Expenditures to Part C.1 of the Project in order to adequately finance the Justice Services Map implemented under the Ministry of Justice and Law. The Justice Services Map allows citizens to access, via the web, a directory of geo-referenced judicial institutions in order to locate the closest institution to initiate the procedures required to enforce users' rights. In order to improve the usefulness of the Justice Services Map, by making the system's information more user-friendly and ensuring that the information contained therein is current and addresses the different queries of citizenship, it is necessary to carry out a process of updating the portal's information system (legal and contact), as well as its graphic design to align it with the image of the Ministry of Justice and Law and the provisions of the "Online Government".

4. The remaining non-assigned amounts totaling US\$2,490,000 will be reallocated to Category 1 in order to finance activities focused on carrying out an "e-justice" initiative in the civil and commercial courts of Colombia's six main cities (Barranquilla, Bogota, Bucaramanga, Cali, Cartagena and Medellin). The goal of this initiative is to diminish the delay in the resolution of certain types of cases, such as, debt cases where there is no opposition of the debtor and the plaintiff is a bank or other financial corporation. The reallocated amounts will also be used for initiatives related to the creation of the electronic file ("e-file") in the labor, civil and family courts. Due to their nature, these activities will require a considerable investment in technological equipment to allow the Judicial Branch to improve the organization of their archives by improving the search process of files, as well as to significantly reduce the space required for archiving facilities. Finally, a minimal amount of the resources reallocated to Category 1 will be used to complete the funding of other activities that are currently under execution.