Steering Committee
MENA Transition Fund

6 April 2014

Dear Steering Committee Members:

Endorsement of the Proposal of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan presented to the Transition Fund for the Development of “Integrated Inspection Management System”

The International Finance Corporation “IFC” endorses the proposal to the MENA Transition Fund to support the development of an “Integrated Inspection Management System for Jordanian inspectorates” presented by the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund Steering Committee, and to act as an “Implementation Support Agency (ISA)” for the implementation of the project.

The project builds on a national ongoing effort to reform business inspections in Jordan with the objectives of enhancing business environment and improving competitiveness through reduction of unnecessary time and cost burden on the private sector; enhancing economic governance by introducing policies and procedures that increase transparency and promote accountability in the inspection regime; and enhancing private sector compliance with regulatory requirements aimed at protecting the environment, labor rights, public health and safety of citizens.

IFC is pleased to support this project as Implementation Support Agency. It will build on the reforms that IFC and the Government of Jordan are implementing in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development. Having this Integrated Inspection Management System in place will introduce a transformative change in the way inspections are conducted, and will greatly leverage the implementation of the introduced reforms which will have a positive impact on both the public and the private sectors in Jordan.

Should it be approved, the project is an extension of the Jordan Inspection Reform Project, ID# 574387, approved on January 9, 2012, with initial funding from IFC and USAID.

The project has been prepared following normal policies and procedures. Project preparation has been finalized and cleared by management, as per attached Project documents and relevant Annexes.

We thank the Steering Committee for its consideration of this project, and look forward to the opportunity to support the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in implementing the project in the benefit of the people of the Kingdom of Jordan.

Sincerely,

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