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Subject: Endorsement for the preparation of a Transition Fund Project supporting the implementation of Jordan Jobs Compact—Building Active Labor Market Program

Excellency,

The World Bank is pleased to express its endorsement of the “*Jordan Job Compact — Building Active Labor Market Program*” which supports the implementation of the National Employment Strategy approved by the Cabinet in 2012. The proposed project will be presented by the Government of Jordan to the Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund Steering Committee and the Bank would act as an implementation support agency for the implementation of this project.

In our view, the attached project is in line with the key priorities of the Deauville Transition Fund which aims at improving lives of citizens in Jordan in terms of increasing jobs for young Jordanians who have been marginalized by the ongoing economic, social and political upheaval, while increasing job prospects for new job seekers at various skill levels by building the institutional and financing basis for creating future decent jobs.

The project proposal is aligned with the National Employment Strategy of the Government of Jordan and supports the objectives of the World Bank Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for FY12-FY15 that is designed to help lay the foundation for sustainable growth and job creation including support for the design of active labor market programs. These labor market reforms aim at putting in place a comprehensive approach required to return Jordan to the path of job creation and sustainable growth by changing fiscal priorities, modifying investment incentives, balancing demand and supply of labor, utilizing the tremendous energy of youth NGOs on the ground, and making better use of donor financing.

The project was prepared according to the World Bank policies and procedures. Appraisal of the project was completed (copy of the PAD attached). The World Bank appraised and agreed on the following: (i) project objectives, components, component activities, costs, and results framework; (ii) implementation arrangements; (iii) project financial management and procurement arrangements; and (iv) technical viability of the proposed activities. The World Bank management has cleared the Project Appraisal Document and has approved of its submission to the Steering Committee.

We thank the Steering Committee for its consideration of this project, and look forward to the opportunity of supporting the Government of Jordan in implementing the project and achieving its intended objectives.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ferid Belhaj', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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