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Subject: Endorsement of Morocco's New Governance Framework Implementation Support Project (P143979) presented to the Transition Fund.

Dear Ministers,

We are hereby endorsing the above mentioned project proposed jointly by the Ministry for General Affairs and Governance, as implementing agency, by the Ministry in charge of Relations with Parliament and Civil Society, the Ministry for Economy and Finance and the Ministry of Interior. The World Bank is ready to support the implementation of this strategic project as Implementation Support Agency.

We welcome the transformational nature of this project proposal, which intends to support the concretization of the new rights and good governance principles enshrined in Morocco's new constitution. The project aims at providing assistance to mutually reinforcing structural reforms that strengthen transparency, accountability and citizen engagement across the public sector, also leveraging expertise and experience from Transition Fund member countries.

In our view, this project is fully aligned with the Transition Fund's objective to strengthen economic governance as well as with the World Bank's Country Partnership Strategy that promotes the strengthening of governance as a core priority. The project has been prepared in accordance with the World Bank's normal policies and procedures, and appraisal is complete (i.e. project preparation has been finalized), as evidenced by the attached Project Appraisal Document and annexes.

The proposed project complements the Governance Development Policy operation (Hakama) currently under preparation by the World Bank in collaboration with the European Union and the African Development Bank. It builds on several years of policy dialogue and

analytic work on governance, which has been supported by Transition Fund member countries, notably through the MENA multi-donor Trust Fund.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachments:

- Transition Fund application (in English)
- Project Document and annexes (in English)
- Project Concept Note (in French)
- Detailed activities and indicative budget (in English and in French).

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