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Subject: Kingdom of Morocco - Endorsement of Morocco's Parliamentary Accountability and Oversight Support Project (P158011) presented to the Transition Fund

Dear Ministers,

We are hereby endorsing the above mentioned project, proposed to the consideration of the Transition Fund by the House of Representatives, as recipient entity. 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 Parliament in the concretization of the new rights and good governance principles enshrined in Morocco’s new constitution and its adherence to these crucial reforms. The Project aims at providing implementation support to mutually reinforcing structural reforms that strengthen transparency, accountability and citizen engagement, such as access to information, public petitions and performance budgeting, 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 standard policies and procedures.
The proposed Project also complements well the World Bank’s Transparency and Accountability Development Policy Programmatic series (Hakama) developed in collaboration with the European Union and the African Development Bank, while offering great synergies with the ongoing New Governance Framework Implementation Support Project, which focuses its effort on the executive branch of the Government. It also builds on several years of policy dialogue and analytic work on governance, which has been supported by the World Bank and several Transition Fund member countries, notably through the MENA multi-donor Trust Fund.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Attachments:

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

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