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Middle East Transition Fund
Steering Committee

Subject: Endorsement of Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project

Dear Sirs,

The World Bank is pleased to endorse the Accountability Enhancement Project presented by the Government of Yemen to the Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund Steering Committee and to act as the Implementation Support Agency for the Implementation of this project.

The Accountability Enhancement Project aims to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law. The accountability institutions targeted under this Project are: Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC), Public Fund Courts, Attorney General Office (AGO), Information Commissioner Office (ICO) and the Civil Society Coalition Against Corruption (CSCAC). The project is well aligned with the Government of Yemen’s Transparency and Anticorruption Action Plan and the Mutual Accountability Framework co-signed with Development Partners.

The Accountability Enhancement Project has been fully prepared according to World Bank policies and procedures. The appraisal of the project has been completed and cleared by World Bank management, and the project proposal and supporting project appraisal documents are hereby submitted to the Steering Committee. The Government of Yemen and the World Bank will proceed to conclude the grant agreement upon receiving Steering Committee Approval.

We thank the steering Committee for its consideration of this project, and look forward to the opportunity to support the Government of Yemen in implementing this project to the benefit of the people of Yemen.

Sincerely,

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