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Middle East Transition Fund  
Steering Committee

**Subject: Endorsement of Yemen Government-CSOs Partnership Project**

Dear Sirs,


The World Bank is pleased to endorse the Government-CSOs Partnership 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 Government-CSOs Partnership project aims to enhance government-CSOs partnership in the implementation and monitoring of sector development programs. The project will support the Government and CSOs capacity and knowledge regarding the value of partnership and participation as critical factors in improving development outcomes. It will help defining frameworks for mutual collaboration, partnership and accountability between the Government and CSOs in order to promote participation and inclusion, and to improve development results in specific sectors. The project is well aligned with the Government of Yemen's Transitional Program for Stability and Development (2012 – 2014).

The Government-CSOs Partnership 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 document are hereby submitted to the Steering Committee. 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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