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The MENA Transition Fund  
Steering Committee  
The World Bank  
1818H Street  
Washington DC, 20433  
USA

Dear Sir,

Subject: **Tunisia – Enhancing domestic resource mobilization through effective tax system design for USD 4,690,000**

The African Development Bank is pleased to endorse the submission of the Tunisian proposal “Enhancing domestic resource mobilization through effective tax system design and improved transparency and international cooperation” to the MENA Transition Fund – following consultations with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.

This proposal aims at mobilizing domestic resources to foster sustainable economic growth and income redistribution by improving the design of taxation policies and improving international cooperation in Tunisia through three different types of assistance: a) economic assessments and recommendations on tax reforms; b) assistance with the design and implementation of tax reform; and c) building in-house capacity to make well-informed tax policy decisions and to tackle tax fraud, evasion and avoidance.

The project is in line with the Transition Fund overall objective of helping Tunisia to strengthen its governance, social and economic institutions through the development of its capacity to make home-grown and country-owned reforms and promote sustainable growth. By fostering fairness, transparency and accountability, it will help re-build the trust of the citizens in the government and public institutions in general, and in the tax system more specifically. By strengthening the government’s capacity to analyze and effectively communicate reform measures, it will help obtain the social and political support to make country-driven reforms happen.

The proposal has followed the Bank's normal policies and procedures in terms of project preparation and the Bank's project document is attached.

I am, therefore, pleased to inform you that the Bank has endorsed and is prepared to play the role of the Implementation Support Agency (ISA) for the attached proposal on "Enhancing domestic resource mobilization through effective tax system design and improved transparency and international cooperation".

Yours Sincerely,



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