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The Steering Committee of the MENA Transition Fund
The World Bank
1818H Street Washington OC, 20433
USA

Subject: Strengthening the Employability of Youth During Tunisia's Transition to a Green Economy – Republic of Tunisia

Dear Steering Committee,

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is honored to submit this letter endorsing the proposal of the Republic of Tunisia for the "Strengthening the Employability of Youth During Tunisia's Transition to a Green Economy". This endorsement was the result of extensive joint discussions and preparatory arrangements with the Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment in the Republic of Tunisia, OECD and Tunisian Bank of Solidarity.

The project proposal, prepared as per IsDB's project preparation procedures, is built upon the specific orientations of the newly adopted Social Pact and the National Vocational Training Strategy of the Government of Tunisia (GOT), which are the country's main platform for implementing transformative sustainable youth employment policies. The proposed project responds to the recommendation of the National Dialogue on Employment on exploring emerging sectors such as green jobs, which represent an untapped source of jobs for youth by anticipating needs for qualifications and encouraging entrepreneurship.

The proposal is in-line with IsDB priorities in the country which focus on skills development and youth employment. In fact, the project complements recent IsDB and GOT engagement in Tunisia including for Vocational Education and Training and Youth Employment Support for Programmes.

I am therefore reiterating IsDB's endorsement and commitment to act as an Implementation Support Agency (ISA) together with OECD for the subject project.

Sincerely Yours,

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