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Subject: Tunisia: Social Protection Reforms Support Project
Project Endorsement Letter

Excellency,

With reference to our ongoing efforts to mobilize support from the Deauville Transition Fund for the Government of Tunisia, the World Bank is pleased to express its endorsement of the Social Protection Reforms Support Project, presented by the Government of Tunisia 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 activities identified in the proposal will bring a critical added-value to Government initiatives to invest in sustainable economic growth.

The project aims to strengthen the institutional capacity to design social protection reforms and improve targeting of safety net programs.

The project was prepared according to the World Bank policies and procedures. Appraisal of the project was completed (copy of the PAD attached). The World Bank appraised and agreed on the following: (i) project objectives, components, component activities, costs, and results framework; (ii) implementation arrangements; (iii) project financial management and procurement arrangements; and (iv) technical viability of the proposed activities. The World Bank management has cleared the Project Appraisal Document and has approved of its submission to the Steering Committee.

We thank the Steering Committee for its consideration of this project, and look forward to the opportunity of supporting the Government of Tunisia in implementing the project and achieving its intended objectives.

Sincerely yours,

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