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

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Tunisia - Enhancing Governance and Economic Growth: Promoting Transparency and Integrity in Public Procurement**

The African Development Bank is pleased to endorse the submission of the Tunisian proposal "Enhancing Governance and Economic Growth: Promoting transparency and integrity in public procurement".

The project fits in the MENA TF scope and objectives, as well as aligning with the country strategy and priorities. It aims at supporting the implementation of the public procurement reform action plan adopted by the government of Tunisia through (i) increasing the efficiency of the procurement processing and streamlining the information system and (ii) enhancing professional capacity in procurement through training and certification of public officials.

The desired outcome of the project is to address the gap which was identified by the recent assessment of the procurement system in Tunisia. This will eventually lead to the upgrading of the Tunisian national procurement system and align it with the accepted international standards.

Moreover, the project is consistent with the government's set pillar on good governance of public resources, under which technical assistance may be carried out to improve the business climate by supporting administrative reforms and implementing the Public Procurement Reform Action Plan.

The Bank, as an Implementation Agency (ISA), will oversee activities for all components to be implemented by the Tunisian authorities under its fiduciary responsibility. To this end, the Bank will coordinate and work closely with the Tunisian entity (HAICOP) which will be in charge of all implementation activities.

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Janvier K. LITSE**