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Inter-American Development Bank
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Belize City, Belize

Dear Ms. Gonzalez Carvajal

Re : Government of Belize's Request for Non-reimbursable Technical Assistance – Feasibility Study for the Tren Maya Initiative

Firstly, allow me the pleasure of welcoming you to Belize. My government looks forward to working with you and your team at the Belize Country Office (IDB or the “Bank”) as we value immensely the strategic partnership cultivated with the Bank in furtherance of Belize’s development agenda.

As one of the first new opportunities for collaboration under your leadership, I write to request the Bank’s support in providing non-reimbursable, bank-executed, technical assistance to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of establishing a Belize segment of the Tren Maya project. Specifically, we are interested in exploring the viability of a route that runs from Belize’s northern border with Mexico to our western border with Guatemala, with an in-country stop at our major port in Belize City.

I believe that this initiative has the potential to play an integral role in achieving several of Government’s priority development goals, as articulated in the #planBelize Medium-Term Development Strategy. By increasing tourist arrivals, facilitating trade, and attracting investment and infrastructure development, the initiative will contribute to poverty reduction, economic growth and transformation, and trade deficit reduction. Additionally, beyond the potential national benefits to Belize, the initiative can also have a transformative impact on the Central American region as a critical infrastructure link that promotes regional trade and competitiveness.

In closing, I am excited to share the Government of Belize’s interest in partnering with the Bank on this potentially transformative venture that can advance connectivity, competitiveness, and shared prosperity in the region. My team is ready for further discussion, as needed.

Yours sincerely,

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