



RECOMMENDATION OF STATUTORY COMMITTEE

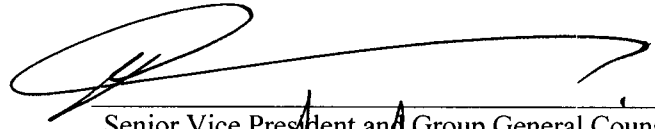
TO: The President, International Development Association

*Recommendation of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Financing (Central African Backbone Project) to the Democratic Republic of Congo*

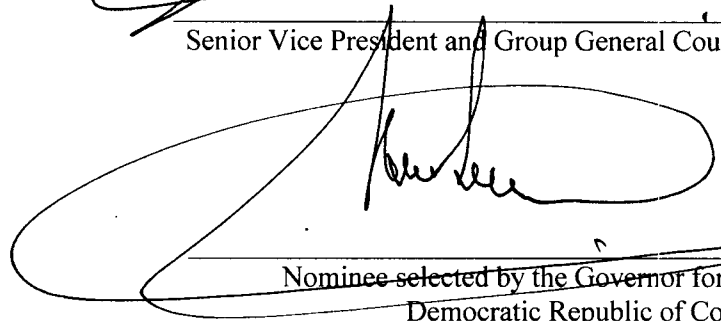
The undersigned Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits its recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association grant to Democratic Republic of Congo a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 59,800,000. The purpose of said grant is to contribute to increase geographical reach and usage of regional broadband infrastructure and to reduce the price of services to enable more people in the Recipient's territory to access information and communication technology services.

1. The Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a financing, and of the purpose to which the proceeds of the financing are to be applied.
2. The Committee is of the opinion that the project in support of which the proceeds of such financing are to be applied continues to come within the purposes of the Association as set forth in Article I of said Articles of Agreement, and that said project is designed to promote the economic development of Democratic Republic of Congo and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. Accordingly, the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.

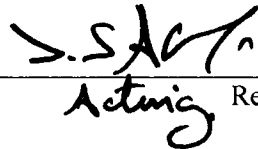
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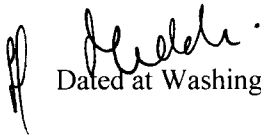
Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel



Nominee selected by the Governor for the  
Democratic Republic of Congo



Regional Vice President  
Africa Region



Dated at Washington, D.C.

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