

STATUTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: The President, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Recommendation of the expert selected by the Gabonese Republic as a member of the Committee under Section 4 (iii) of Article III of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Loan (Access to Basic Services in Rural Areas and Capacity Building Project) to the Gabonese Republic

The undersigned member of the Committee constituted under Section 7 of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) hereby submits this recommendation as part of the report pursuant to Section 4 (iii) of Article III of said Articles in respect of the proposal that the Bank grant to the Gabonese Republic a loan in an amount of 53,700,000 Euros. The purpose(s) of said loan are to expand access to water and energy services in targeted rural areas and to establish mechanisms to improve sustainability of service provision.

1. The member of the Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a loan, and of the purpose(s) to which the proceeds of the loan are to be applied.
2. The member of the Committee is of the opinion that the project toward the financing of which the proceeds of such loan are to be applied comes within the purposes of the Bank as set forth in Article I of said Articles of Agreement, and that said project is designed to promote the development of the productive facilities and resources of the Gabonese Republic and is in the interest of the Gabonese Republic and of the members of the Bank as a whole.
3. Accordingly, the member of the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Bank, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.



*[Handwritten Signature]*

Expert Selected by Governor for Gabonese Republic

Dated at Washington, D.C.

*September 10, 2015*