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TO: <u>The President, International Development Association</u>

Recommendation of the nominee selected by Republic of Mali as a member of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Credit and Grant (Mali Drylands Development Project) to the Republic of Mali.

The undersigned member of the Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits this recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association grant to the Republic of Mali a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 20,900,000 and a credit in an amount equivalent to EUR 24,900,000. The purpose of said credit and grant is to improve agricultural productivity and strengthen resilience of rural households living in the targeted dryland areas.

1. The member of the Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a credit and grant, and of the purpose to which the proceeds of the credit and grant 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 credit and grant are to be applied comes 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 the Republic of Mali and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Republic of Mali.

3. Accordingly, the member of the Committee finds that said project merits financial assistance from the Association, and hereby recommends said project for such assistance.

Nominee selected by Governor for the Republic of Mali

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