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RECOMMEN DATION 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 Credit and Grant (Second Economic Reform Support Operation - Development Policy Financing) to the Kingdom of Tonga.

The undersigned Committie 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 the Kingdom of Tonga (the Recipient) a credit in an amount equivalent to SDR 1,700,000 and a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 1,700,000. The purpose of said credit and grant is to support the Recipient's program actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reduction in poverty.

1. 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 Committee is of the opinion that the program in support 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 program is designed to promote the economic development of the Recipient and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Recipient.

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3. Accordingly, the Committee finds that said program merits financial assistance from the

Association, and hereby recommends said program for such assistance.

COMMITTEE Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel Nominee Selected by Governor for Kingdom of Tonga Regional Vice President East Asia and Pacific Development Finance, Vice President

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Senior Vice President, Development Economics and Chief Economist

Dated at Washington, D.C.