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Ms. Rocío Medina-Bolívar Country Representative – Belize Inter-American Development Bank 1024 Newtown Barracks Belize City, Belize

Dear Ms. Rocío Medina-Bolívar,

Ref: Government of Belize Non-Objection Technical Cooperation "Improving efficiency, quality, and access in Belize's health system (BL-T1176)"

Demand for health services in Belize is growing rapidly, and resources are limited. The health system is hampered by inefficiencies and poor quality of service delivery, and there is a critical need to address some of the major barriers to health care access. In light of these challenges, the country is increasingly seeking to improve the efficiency and quality of health care delivery, access to essential health services, and resilience to emergencies.

As such, the Government of Belize is desirous of obtaining a Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (BL-T1176) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support the Government in the preparation and execution of the loan, "Improving efficiency, quality, and access in Belize's health system" (BL-L1048), through institutional strengthening and key technical studies. The loan's general development objective is to improve the health of the population in Belize, and the specific objectives are to: (i) improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare delivery; and (ii) improve access to key health services.

Based on the Bank's experience in designing and implementing similar interventions, the Government of Belize is also requesting that the IDB act as the executing agency for this Technical Cooperation (TC).

We anticipate the continued partnership with the IDB in this important area and are eager to begin discussions with the Bank on this TC and the components to be supported.

Sincerely,

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