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

Ref: Government of Belize Non-Objection Technical Cooperation "Promoting female talent for sustainable and inclusive growth in Belize"

Dear Ms. Medina Bolívar,

The Ministry of Economic Development is responding to the request of the Inter-American Development Bank Group regarding the proposed Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation project entitled "Promoting female talent for sustainable and inclusive growth in Belize" (BL-T1182), which aims to support the strengthening of policies to improve Belize's workforce employability with a particular focus on working-age women and youth. The specific objectives are (i) to support increasing the coverage and effectiveness of employment policies with a focus on women, youth and migrant workers, and (ii) to support increasing coverage and relevance of training for working-age women and youth in growing sectors.

The support will be focused on activities related to component 1 "Employment policy coverage and effectiveness". This component will finance among others, (i) a study with diagnostic and barriers for female labour force participation and policy recommendations including services for labour market insertion of women and young women; (ii) a study with diagnostics and barriers for attracting migrant labour force and policy recommendations for the development of the labour mobility management function of the PES and; (iii) a strategic roadmap to guide the digital transformation of the Ministry to enhance labour force participation. Component 2 "Training for working-age women in growing sectors" will finance (i) a feasibility study for e-lancing or microwork; and (ii) the design of sectoral talent pipelines with a gender focus for digital sectors and tourism.

The Government of Belize hereby	provides its non-objection	for the Bank to act	as the Executing
Agency of said operation.			

Sincerely,

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