RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEE

TO: The President, International Development Association

Recommendation of the nominee selected by Democratic Republic of the Congo as a member of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Credit and Grant for the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Project to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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 Democratic Republic of the Congo a credit in an amount of twenty-three million six hundred thousand Dollars (USD23,600,000) and a grant in an amount equivalent to seventeen million two hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 17,200,000). The purpose of said credit and grant is to strengthen the Democratic Republic of the Congo's capacity to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on Selected Provinces.

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 Democratic Republic of the Congo and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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 Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dated at Kinshasa Democratic Republic of the Congo.

April 2nd, 2020