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 Financing (Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project) to the Republic of Benin

The undersigned Committee constituted under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association (the Association) hereby submits its recommendation pursuant to said Section in respect of the proposal that the Association extend to the Republic of Benin (the Recipient) a credit in an amount equivalent to SDR 5,300,000. The purpose of said credit is to support the Recipient to promote regional specialization of the Participating University in areas that address regional challenges and strengthen the capacities of this University to deliver quality training and applied research.

1. The Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to extend such a financing, and of the purposes to which the proceeds of the financing are to be applied.

2. The Committee is of the opinion that the project toward the financing of which the proceeds of such financing 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 Benin and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Republic of Benin.

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

Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project

COMMITTEE

Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel

Nominee selected by the Governor for the Republic of Benin

Regional Vice President
Africa

Dated at Washington, D.C.

3/31/2014