RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEE

TO: The President, International Development Association

Recommendation of the nominee selected by the Republic of Benin as a member of the Committee under Section 1 (d) of Article V of the Articles of Agreement on the proposed Grant (Gazetted Forests Management Project) to the Republic of Benin.

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 the Republic of Benin a grant in an amount equivalent to SDR 54,100,000. The purposes of said grant are to improve the integrated management of targeted GIs, to increase access of the main consumption cities to fuelwood produced sustainably, and to strengthen selected NTFP value chains for forest-dependent communities.

1. The member of the Committee has carefully studied the merits of the proposal to grant such a grant, and of the purposes to which the proceeds of the 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 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 the Republic of Benin and is of high developmental priority in the light of the needs of the Republic of Benin.

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 Republic of Benin

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Dated at Washington, D.C.