Pakistan  
Strengthening Institutions for Refugee Administration Project  
March 3, 2020  
Chair Summary*

The Executive Directors approved a financing in the amount of SDR 36.2 million (US$50 million equivalent) on the terms and conditions set out in the President’s Memorandum. The financing is structured in two portions: (i) an IDA credit in the amount of SDR 21.1 million (US$29.16 million equivalent) of which SDR 15.1 million (US$20.84 million equivalent) is from the Regional Sub-Window for Refugees and Host Communities (RSW) and SDR 6.0 million (US$8.32 million equivalent) is from the country IDA allocation; and (ii) an IDA grant in the amount of SDR 15.1 million (US$20.84 million equivalent) from the RSW. Ms. Nordquist wished to be recorded as abstaining.

Directors acknowledged Pakistan’s four-decade long support for Afghan refugees and welcomed the Government’s continuing efforts to protect them. They expressed broad support for the project’s focus on strengthening institutions to support refugees. Directors highlighted the importance of taking a programmatic and holistic approach and noted three other complementary provincial projects targeting services and livelihood opportunities in refugee and host communities.

Directors acknowledged the adequacy of the refugee protection framework, as assessed by management in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Directors noted the risk associated with this project and emphasized that the implementation of the proposed visa regime is accompanied by adequate protection safeguards for refugees in Pakistan.

*This summary is not an approved record.