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Approval by mail: Review of CIF Reporting Requirements: Findings and Recommendations

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the document entitled, *Review of CIF Report Requirements: Findings and Recommendations*. We are pleased to approve the following recommendations proposed in the document, including:

- Maintaining a reporting requirement repository and keeping guidance documents up to date to reflect any new requirements;
- Establishing a structured reporting framework, and using the five major reports as the main tools to provide information to the Trust Fund Committee;
- Developing clear timelines for reporting; and,
- Keeping reporting requirements under review.
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With respect to the proposal in Annex D, while we support the notion of streamlining the existing reporting requirements, we request clarification on the specific proposal to retire the CTF Independent Technical Review at the project level. The reason provided states that the MDBs already have existing internal peer review processes, and that it is costly to undertake these reviews. It is our understanding that the MDBs do not pay for these reviews, as they are paid for out of the CIF Administrative budget and that the expenditures associated with the investment plan independent technical review process were estimated at \$59,480 for the CIF FY13 Business Plan and Budget. We also note that the recent independent evaluation (May 2014) did not comment on the effectiveness of these reviews. We would appreciate further justification from the CIF Admin Unit on the reasons for retiring this requirement, including whether the MDBs intend to circulate their internal peer review evaluation for CTF consideration at the project review stage.

We look forward to receiving a response from the CIF Admin Unit and would request an extension to the approval deadline, by two business days, upon receipt of a response.

Best regards,
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