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Mister Antonio Goncalves
Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
Country Office Suriname
Peter Brunetlaan
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Subject : The Government of Suriname's Letter of Request for Technical Cooperation from the Inter- American Development Bank to support the technical and operational execution of the Program Consolidating Access to Inclusive Quality Education in Suriname (SU-L1059).

Dear mr. Goncalves,

The Government of Suriname hereby formally requests Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) in the amount of US Dollar One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (USD.150,000) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support the technical and operational execution of the Program Consolidating Access to Inclusive Quality Education in Suriname (SU-L1059).

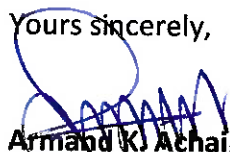
The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of Suriname (MOESC) is already undergoing an extensive systemic educational reform that demands all Ministry staff time and effort. The successful launching and implementation of SU-L1059 requires highly qualified technical expertise in the areas of special education, regulatory frameworks for funds, and school infrastructure and management. This expertise is not available within the MOESC at the present moment. The objective of the proposed TC is to support the MOESC in these technical challenges by providing:

- a) the groundwork for the implementation of an inclusive education strategy and early identification of disabilities, b) the design of a fund for public and denomination schools (FIBOS) and
- c) Technical support to school infrastructure component.

In light of the foregoing and the tremendous benefits to be derived from implementation of this technical cooperation, the Ministry of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Government of Suriname, hereby requests Non- Reimbursable TC from the IDB to support the captioned activities. However, based on the nature of the Project, the capacity of the MOESC, as well as the associated implementation cost, the Government of Suriname asks that the project be executed by the Bank and that the MOESC be involved in the design and implementation of same.

The Government of Suriname anticipates a favorable response from the IDB to this request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Armand K. Achaibersing', written over a circular stamp.

Armand K. Achaibersing
Minister of Finance and Planning