

# INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL CONCESSIONS COUNCIL

(TC-02-11-00-7)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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| <b>Executing agency:</b>                | National Concessions Council  |             |
| <b>Beneficiaries:</b>                   | Republic of Costa Rica  |             |
| <b>Financing:</b>                       | MIF (Window I):   | US\$500,000 |
|   | Local counterpart funding:  | US\$215,000 |
|   | Total:  | US\$715,000 |
| <b>Objectives:</b>                      | <p>The general objective of this MIF project is to improve the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for granting infrastructure concessions in Costa Rica. The specific objectives are to strengthen the institutional capacity and human resources of the National Concessions Council (CNC), to consolidate the laws and regulations pertaining to concessions and the internal functions of the CNC, and to prepare a comprehensive infrastructure concessions program with an emphasis on roads.</p> |             |
| <b>Execution timetable:</b>             | <p>The operation will have an execution period of 30 months and a disbursement period of 36 months.</p>   |             |
| <b>Environmental and social review:</b> | <p>In general, this project will help prepare the CNC to assume its responsibilities and to monitor the environmental and social impact of infrastructure concession projects, in accordance with Costa Rican law.</p>  |             |
|   | <p>While the CNC staff are being trained and the CNC's functions established, this project will include training activities on the primary environmental and social effects of infrastructure concession projects, such as impacts on accident rates on highways granted under concessions and the social impacts occasioned by the potential expropriation of land forming part of the right of way.</p>   |             |
| <b>Special contractual clauses:</b>     | None.   |             |
| <b>Exceptions to Bank policy:</b>       | None  |             |