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Governor**

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Fellow Governors,

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of H.E. Patrice TALON, President of the Republic of Benin, and on my own behalf, I would like to express my sincere thanks to IsDB for its actions in favour of the development of our country, as it has provided us with various means of funding since our accession to the Group in 1975.

We are satisfied with the quality of cooperation with the Bank and can affirm that IsDB is one of Benin's great privileged partners for its economic and social development.

IsDB's actions in our country cover key sectors such as transport, agriculture, energy, education, environment, sanitation and microfinance.

Mr. President Bandar,

Development concerns facing IsDB Group member countries are diverse and multifaceted. As we all know, resources are very limited in relation to the needs of our peoples. That is why we do appreciate the efforts made by your institution to improve the living conditions of our peoples.

Thank you for this constant availability to finance priority projects in our countries, and for your leadership.

Inspired by this conviction, I would like to make an appeal so that we benefit more from the Bank's private window to strengthen the foundations of economic and social development in our countries.

We would be proud to see the seal of the IsDB Group on the major social, infrastructure and development projects for our living environment.

My country, Benin, has embarked on relevant reforms whose effects are increasingly visible. I would like to reassure you that our Government has taken appropriate measures through the various mechanisms to ensure the proper management of ongoing initiatives with the Bank.

Thank you.

