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Dear Mr. Gagua,

The fruitful exchanges held between the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Government of Georgia in the field of Social Welfare in Georgia, led in November 2018 to the signature of the first tranche of a three-year Policy Based Loan (PBL) dedicated to support major reforms in the fields of social protection, health and support schemes dedicated to Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories.

A mission led by Mr. Nicolas Le Guen, task team leader in the division of social welfare at AFD headquarters, was conducted in Tbilisi from April 15th to 19th together. The mission was accompanied by Expertise France, the French agency for international cooperation, which is in charge of implementing the Technical Assistance Programme financed by an AFD grant to support the reforms undertaken in the framework of the above-mentioned PBL.

This mission had three main objectives: (i) to follow up on the progress made concerning the prior actions defined for the PBL for the year 2019; (ii) finalize the discussion on the content of the Technical Assistance implemented by Expertise France; (iii) to follow up on the Technical Assistance financed by AFD and implemented by Expertise France to support the on-going pension reform.

As a result of the discussions held during this mission, I am pleased to share with you the aide-mémoire of this mission. You will find attached to it: (i) the policy matrix of the PBL, reviewed for the year 2019 after discussions your teams, and (ii) the Technical Proposal of Expertise France on the Technical Assistance to the Social Welfare PBL, reviewed to reflect the exchanges held during the mission.

I remain at your disposal for further exchanges and I am looking forward to the strengthening of the cooperation between AFD and Georgia in the social sectors.

Yours faithfully,




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