

February 3, 2021

Mr. Ivane Matchavariani
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Tbilisi, Georgia

***Subject: Georgia Human Capital Project (P175455)
Virtual Identification Mission
February 8 – 16, 2021***

Dear Minister Matchavariani,

I am pleased to inform you that a World Bank Human Development team is planning to conduct a virtual identification mission for the proposed *Georgia Human Capital Project* during February 8 - 16, 2021.

The project identification mission is a follow up to the Bank-Fund Annual Meeting discussions with the Georgia delegation, a letter from the Ministry of Finance (dated September 16, 2020), and consequent technical discussion with Deputy Minister Nikoloz Gagua on November 12, 2020. The objective of the mission is to define the World Bank's contribution within the frame of the proposed Human Capital Project. The mission specifically aims to (i) tentatively identify the project development objective (PDO); (ii) identify the potential reforms in education, health, social protection and labor sectors to be supported by the proposed project, in context of the Government of Georgia Program 2021-2024, "Toward Building a European State"; (iii) tentatively identify the scope of the project including financing amounts, components and disbursement linked results indicators for the identified reform areas; and (iv) agree on the next steps and timeline for project preparation.

The team will comprise Mr. Suhas Parandekar (Senior Economist and Task Team Leader), Mr. Volkan Çetinkaya (Senior Economist and co-Task Team Leader), Ms. Maddalena Honorati (Senior Economist and co-Task Team Leader), Mr. Ahmet Levent Yener (Program Leader), Ms. Nino Kutateladze (Senior Education Specialist), Mr. Baktybek Zhumadil (Senior Operations Officer), Ms. Anna Berdzenadze (Operations Analyst), Ms. Binh Thanh Vu (Senior Education Specialist), Mr. Ali Hamandi (Economist), Ms. Alicia Marguerie (Economist), Mr. Roberto Sormani (Economist), Ms. Shizuka Kunimoto (Junior Professional Officer) and Ms. Nino Moroshkina (Health Specialist, Consultant). Ms. Lela Ghongadze and Ms. Ekaterine Asatiani will provide administrative support during the visit.

The Bank team will coordinate with your Ministry, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, and Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs to prepare a mission schedule. The key findings and agreements made during the mission will be summarized in a Management Letter and an Aide-Memoire.

We hope that the objectives and timing of the mission are suitable for you and your team. We look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership.

Sincerely,



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cc:

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