

DOCUMENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

RESOLUTION DE-44/18

Extension of the Appointment of Two Members of the Access to Information External Panel

WHEREAS, the Board of Executive Directors approved the Access to Information Policy (the “Policy”) on 12 May 2010, which entered into effect on 1 January 2011 (document GN-1831-28);

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that a three-member Access to Information External Panel shall act as a second-stage review for information requests from parties outside the Bank, in cases where the Access to Information Committee has upheld the Bank’s decisions to deny access to the information sought by such parties;

WHEREAS, on 14 December 2010, the Board of Executive Directors took note of the Report of the First Vice Chairperson of the Policy and Evaluation Committee (document GN-1831-32), which provides that the External Panel members “will be composed of three members proposed by the President of the Bank and approved by the Board of Directors”;

WHEREAS the Board of Executive Directors approved the appointment of Mauricio Merino Huerta and Ximena Abogabir Scott as members of the Access to Information External Panel for three-year terms beginning on 1 November 2012, and of Toby Mendel for a term beginning on 1 May 2013;

WHEREAS, the Board of Executive Directors approved the renewal of the appointment as members of the Access to Information External Panel of Mauricio Merino Huerta and Ximena Abogabir Scott for new three-year terms commencing on 1 November 2015 and of Toby Mendel for a new term commencing on 1 May 2016, pursuant to Resolution DE-93/15 of 6 October 2015;

WHEREAS, the three-year appointments of Mauricio Merino Huerta and Ximena Abogabir Scott as members of the Access to Information External Panel expires on 31 October 2018, and the three-year appointment of Toby Mendel expires on 30 April 2019;

WHEREAS, the extension of the appointments of Ximena Abogabir Scott and Mauricio Merino Huerta as members of the External Panel, for periods of 18 months and 12 months, respectively, would enable the Bank to benefit from a gradual transition of the members of this Panel of experts, by allowing it to retain the knowledge acquired by the current members, meet any case-related needs that might arise, and take advantage of the value-added associated with the continuity of their participation and familiarity with access to information issues and procedures at the Bank, which would justify an extension of their terms beyond the maximum period of six years.

The Board of Executive Directors

RESOLVES:

To approve the extension of the appointment as members of the Access to Information External Panel of Ximena Abogabir Scott for a sole additional period of 18 months and of Mauricio Merino Huerta for a sole additional period of 12 months, both as of 1 November 2018 and for one time only, as an extension of the maximum period of appointment of six years.

(Adopted 29 August 2018)