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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Pursuant to paragraph 35 of the Policy of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI), this report is issued to report the progress made over the period of reference (December 2015 to November 2016) on the commitments assumed by the Parties under the Memorandum of Understanding and Commitment (“Memorandum” or “Agreement”) signed in December 2012 in Case AR-MICI001-2010, regarding the Multiphase Program for the Development of Production Support Infrastructure in Entre Ríos (AR-L1036). The progress related in this report builds on the advances made during the periods from January through August 2013, from September 2013 through March 2014, from April 2014 through November 2014, and from December 2014 through November 2015, which are documented in the respective monitoring reports.¹
- 1.2 During the period covered by this report, the MICI monitored—via telephone—the periodic meetings of the Citizen Participation Committee (CPC), which dealt with matters related to the Agreement’s implementation, with the support of the facilitation team hired for that purpose. During the meetings, the Parties, by mutual agreement, decided that all actions under the Agreement had been implemented, except for the visual impact mitigation measures. With respect to the latter, alternative measures were agreed upon, the approval and implementation of which are still pending.
- 1.3 Over the coming year, the MICI will remain in ongoing contact with the Parties and plans to monitor the progress made on implementing any approved visual impact mitigation measures, as well as close the case definitively.

II. BACKGROUND ON MONITORING FROM THE MICI POLICY

- 2.1 Paragraph 35 of the MICI Policy establishes that² “[t]he MICI will submit a monitoring report to the Board (or the Donors Committee) for information at least annually, which will be published in the Public Registry.”

III. BACKGROUND ON THE CASE

- 3.1 The background of case AR-MICI001-2010 and the corresponding public documentation are available for consultation in the MICI’s Public Registry 2010-2014.

¹ Documents MI-13-2 ([First Monitoring Report](#)), MI-13-3 ([Second Monitoring Report](#)), MI-13-4 ([Third Monitoring Report](#)), and MI-13-5 ([Fourth Monitoring Report](#)).

² See basic documents at: www.iadb.org/mici. The Agreement in this case was reached under the 2010 policy, in effect through 17 December 2014, <http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getDocument.aspx?DOCNUM=39313633>.

- 3.2 Regarding the monitoring of the Agreement, see the first four monitoring reports issued: [First Monitoring Report](#); [Second Monitoring Report](#); [Third Monitoring Report](#), and [Fourth Monitoring Report](#).

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE REPORTED MONITORING PERIOD

- 4.1 During the period from December 2015 through November 2016, the MICI monitored the progress of activities pending fulfillment through participation via videoconference in the CPC's periodic meetings, written communications with the Parties, and periodic reports issued by the facilitation team hired by ENERSA, in fulfillment of the Agreement.
- 4.2 During the CPC's meetings, the Parties decided that all the actions included under the Agreement had been fulfilled, except for the visual impact mitigation measures, which had originally envisaged the construction of a health center. However, no progress has been made on the paperwork associated with that center, which is beyond the Parties' control. Thus, since 2015, the Parties have been weighing viable alternatives for the funds earmarked by ENERSA for that visual impact mitigation measure.
- 4.3 In August 2016, the Requesters, in consultation with residents and the municipio, identified a set of visual impact mitigation measures that was presented to ENERSA for consideration in September of that year.
- 4.4 ENERSA accepted the amended request, but indicated that the drinking water proposal would not be viable, owing to budget constraints and limitations in the scope of action. The residents acknowledged these limitations and conceded that this proposal would not be included in the visual impact mitigation measures.
- 4.5 In October, the amended request for visual impact mitigation measures was submitted to the Unidad Ejecutora Provincial [Provincial Executing Agency], the entity responsible for its authorization. At the same time, the Parties joined forces to request estimates from different companies to pave the streets and coordinate with the municipio to secure optimal support for the implementation of the visual impact mitigation measures.
- 4.6 As of the date of this report, the Parties were awaiting a decision from the Provincial Executing Agency on the amended request for visual impact mitigation measures.
- 4.7 Over the coming year, el MICI plans to monitor the approval of the amended request and the progress made on implementing the visual impact mitigation measures with a view to fully closing the case.

V. NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 During the monitoring period, the Parties, by mutual agreement, decided that the actions under the Agreement had been fulfilled, except for the visual impact mitigation measures. Accordingly, they submitted an amended request, which is currently under consideration by the Provincial Executing Agency.
- 5.2 The MICI notes the will among the Parties to work together, in a cordial and collaborative context, on fulfillment of the agreed upon commitments and with a view to closing the

monitoring stage soon. Beyond compliance with the Agreement, the Parties have agreed to join forces to coordinate with the municipio to ensure that drinking water service is provided in the area, in addition to improving the road network and public lighting.

5.3 Consequently, during the next six months, the following activities are planned:

- a. The MICI will continue to monitor the Agreement through sharing of communications with the Parties, the facilitation team, and the IDB's local consultant;
- b. The CPC will continue to hold periodic meetings, with the support of the facilitation team, reporting to all the Parties, the MICI, and the project team on the approval status of the amended request for visual impact mitigation measures and their implementation; and
- c. The Consultation Phase team is expected to conduct a mission to the project site in mid-2017 to verify the fulfillment status of the visual impact mitigation measures, if approved, and to finalize the closing stage of monitoring.