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MICI-BID-BR-2022-0189

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON THE
DRAFT RECOMMENDATION FOR A COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND TERMS OF
REFERENCE (ToR)**

NATIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – PRODETUR NACIONAL – RIO DE JANEIRO

(BR-L1210)

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REQUEST: MICI-BID-BR-2022-0189 related to “National Tourism Development Program – PRODETUR Nacional – Rio de Janeiro” (BR-L1210) (2411/OC-BR)

DATE: September 14th, 2023

SUBJECT: **Request For Extension of Deadline for Submission of Comments on the Draft Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR)**

Dear Board of Executive Directors,

In accordance with the provisions in paragraphs 46 and 59 of the MICI-IIC Policy (MI-47-8), I hereby submit to the consideration of the Board of Executive Directors, a seven (7) working days extension of the deadline to submit comments on the draft Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the MICI-BID-BR-2022-0189 case regarding the National Tourism Development Program –PRODETUR Nacional– Rio de Janeiro (BR-L1210) (2411/OC-BR) (hereinafter the "Program"). The current expiration of the 15 working days deadline is Monday, October 2, 2023. With the extension, the new deadline would be **October 12, 2023**. The background and justification for this extension request are presented below.

Background and justification

In accordance with paragraph 36 of the MICI-IDB Policy, the objective of the Compliance Verification Phase (CRP) is to impartially and objectively investigate allegations by Requesters that the IDB has failed to comply with its Relevant Operational Policies and has caused Harm to Requesters.

The Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR) stage seeks to prepare a recommendation to investigate or not and the ToR for an investigation, when applicable, in consultation with Management and the Requesters. The ToR will include: the objectives of the investigation, the investigation topics, a description of the IDB-financed operation, the proposed timeline and budget for the investigation, and the foreseen use of consultants.

MICI-BID-BR-2022-0189 Request has been in the Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR) stage since July 20, 2023.

The MICI shared with Management and the Requesters the Spanish version of the draft Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR) by the established deadline of September 11, 2023. The MICI also shared with the Requesters the Portuguese version of the Executive Summary of the document. However, the Portuguese version of the Recommendation for a Compliance Review and Terms of Reference (ToR) will be shared with

the Requesters on September 18, 2023, date on which the MICI will receive the translation of the document.

Pursuant to paragraph 44 of the MICI-IDB Policy, upon receipt of the draft Recommendation and ToR, the Requesters and Management will have up to fifteen (15) working days to submit any comments.

Given the aforementioned reasons, the MICI considers pertinent to extend the deadline to receive comments on the draft Recommendation for a Verification of Compliance and Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Administration and the Requesting Parties so that both parties have equal opportunities to analyze and incorporate relevant information to the draft Recommendation.

Request for Extension of Deadline

For all the above, MICI requests non objection by the Board of Executive Directors to the request of the extension of the deadline for submitting comments on the draft Recommendation for Compliance Review and its eventual Terms of Reference (ToR), for a period of seven (7) working days, with an expiration date of **October 12, 2023**.