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MICI-BID-AR-2021-0170

**NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION
OF CONSULTATION PHASE TIME FRAME**

**INTEGRATED URBAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – REQUEST II
(AR-L1151)**

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REQUEST: MICI-BID-AR-2021-0170 related to the Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management Program – Request II (AR-L1151)

DATE: November 8th, 2022

SUBJECT: **Notification of Extension of Consultation Phase Time Frame – Justification and New Deadline**

Dear Board of Executive Directors,

In accordance with the provisions in paragraph 31 of the MICI-IDB Policy (MI-47-8), I am notifying the Board of Executive Directors of an extension of **nine (9) months** for the Consultation Phase Process of Request MICI-BID-AR-2021-0170 related to Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management Program (AR-L1151) to be counted from November 8th, 2022. The background and justification for this extension are presented below:

Background and Justification

In accordance with paragraph 31 of the MICI-IDB Policy, the maximum term for the Consultation Phase Process is 12 calendar months. However, this term may be extended if the MICI Director considers that the extension will help resolve the issues raised. Request MICI-IDB-AR-2021-0170 is currently in a Consultation Phase Process initiated on November 8th, 2021.

The Project object of the Request is carried out under the Single Responsibility Contract modality, which unifies all the stages of the project and grants the winner of the competitive bidding process the responsibility of implementing them. In this context, the winning contractor for the bid is the one who must carry out the Environmental and Social Impact Study (ESIS). Consequently, the structured dialogue between the Parties and facilitated by the MICI began before the preparation of the Environmental and Social Impact Study.

Due to the foregoing, and as provided in point 4.4 of the Consultation Phase Assessment Report for case MICI-BID-AR-2021-0170, the Mechanism suggested a methodology, which was validated by the Parties, in which the dialogue process would take place in two stages: a) an initial stage of dialogue that aims to address issues that may require more detail or be incorporated into the design of the ESIS; and b) a second stage in which, with the results of the ESIS and the respective public consultations, possible additional measures for the mitigation or attention to the identified impacts are addressed.

On June 15, 2022, the Parties signed an Agreement celebrating the end of the initial stage of dialogue. Since then, MICI has monitored the implementation of this first Agreement, while the Parties await the completion and delivery of the ESIS by the contractor so that the second stage of dialogue can continue. In accordance with what was stated above, MICI considers it necessary to extend the time available to explore solutions to the problems expressed in the Original Request, in such a way that it allows the delivery of the ESIS document and, consequently, the second stage of dialogue can begin as foreseen in the assessment report.

For all the above, **the Board of Executive Directors is notified of the extension of the Consultation Phase process for a maximum additional period of nine (9) months, which will end on August 8, 2023. The objective of said extension is to have the time necessary to address the issues on the agenda agreed between the Parties and, once the ESIS is completed, explore the possibility of reaching a final agreement.**