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Madam Niale Kaba

Minister of Planning and Development
Ministry of Planning and Development
Abidjan
Cote D'Ivoire

Dear Madam,

**THE POSITION OF CONSTITUENCY 15 ON THE PETITION AGAINST PRESIDENT
ADESINA BY SOME AGGRIEVED AFDB STAFF**

I thank you for your letter of the 5th May 2020 transmitting to me and my colleague Governors, the report of the Ethics Committee convened by the AfDB to investigate allegations against the President of the Bank, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, on breach of provisions of the Code of Ethics of the Bank by an Elected Officer. We note the final conclusion of the Ethics Committee in conformity with the Resolution B/BG/2008/11, in which it exonerates President Adesina of all the allegations brought against him by the whistleblower and your decision to uphold the conclusion of the Ethics Committee.

Following the communication of your decision based on the Ethics Committee recommendation, it has been brought to our attention that the petitioners and some other parties are still questioning the outcome of your decisions.

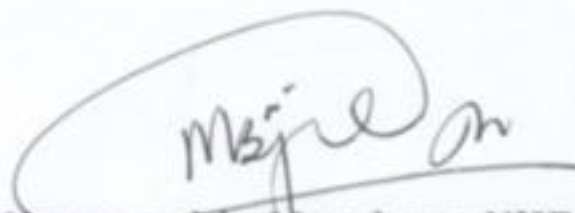
Madam Governor, following consultations within Constituency 15, comprising, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Sudan, we are of the firm conviction that the committee's findings are factual and must be given the due attention it deserves. We believe that any

further attention given to these allegations will only derail the efforts of the Bank to meet its obligations and serve the people of the continent for which it was established.

We affirm our strong conviction that the rules, procedures and guidelines of the Bank have been fully respected and complied with as per the Resolution of the Board of Directors No. B/BG/2008/11 on the "Application of the Code of Conduct for Executive Directors of the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund to the President of the Bank Group.

We, therefore, convey our full support to your upholding of the conclusion of the Ethics committee and support your decision in declaring President Adesina totally exonerated of all allegations made against him. We collectively express our full confidence in the President of the Bank, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, and in you as the Chairman of the Board of Governors. We trust that our support through the stated position of our constituency will contribute to the normalization of the activities of the Bank and give President Adesina and Bank management the clearance to address bank matters, especially addressing the current crisis which many of our countries are ill-equipped to cope with without the support of trusted partners such as the AfDB.

Honourable Governor, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration, whilst I conveying my best wishes to you and your nation as we jointly battle the COVID 19 pandemic.



Honourable Mambury NJIE



(Chairman Constituency 15 - Gambia,
Ghana - Hon. Ken Ofori-ATTA
Liberia - Hon. Samuel D. TWEAH Jr.
Sierra Leone - Hon. Jacob Jusu SAFFA
Sudan - Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed ELBADAW)