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To the President and the Board of Directors,

In response to your request, we, EY & Associés, have performed a limited assurance engagement on a selection of sustainable development information in the annual report (the "Annual Report") for the year ended June 30, 2021, including quantitative indicators (the "Indicators") and qualitative statements (the "Statements"). We have selected the Indicators and Statements that were deemed to be of particular stakeholders' interest, to involve a potential reputation risk for IFC, and/or to value IFC's corporate responsibility, management and performance.

We have reviewed the Statements made in the Annual Report, with a particular focus on sustainability, impacts (including AIMM) and climate finance (including IFC's reporting under TCFD). The following Indicators have been reviewed:

FY21 long-term commitments by Environmental and Social category	Category	Commitments (\$ million	Number of new projects
	A	215	7
	В	5,421	130
	С	153	24
	FI	14	0
	FI-1	134	3
	FI-2	4,673	102
	FI-3	1,866	46
	Total	12,474	312
Ex-ante AIMM scores of FY21 committed	By category		Average AIMM Score
projects	Committed projects in FCS countries		64
	Committed projects in FCS/LIC/IDA17 countries		59
	Committed projects in IDA countries		56
	Committed projects using blended finance		58
	By region		Average AIMM Score
	Sub-Saharan Africa		54
	Latin America and the Caribbean		53
	East Asia and the Pacific		54
	Middle East and North Africa		54
	Europe and Central Asia		52
	Global		53
	South Asia		52
	IFC		53
	By Industry		Average AIMM Score



	Manufacturing, Agribusiness, and Services	52		
	Financial Institutions Group	54		
	Infrastructure and Natural Resources	55		
	Disruptive Technologies and Funds	53		
	IFC	53		
FY21 investment in climate business	\$3,324 million of own account long-term commitments in climate-related investments			
FY21 Development Effectiveness Scores		DOTS Score		
(DOTS Scores) for Advisory Services	Total	71%		
	By Business	DOTS Score		
	Financial Institutions Group	69%		
	Manufacturing, Agribusiness & Services	64%		
	Infrastructure & Natural Resources	0%		
	Disruptive Technologies and Funds	100%		
	Transaction Advisory	71%		
	Other Advisory, including Environmental, Social & Governance	91%		
	Creating Markets Regional Advisory	69%		
	By Region	DOTS Score		
	East Asia and the Pacific	76%		
	Europe and Central Asia	84%		
	Middle East and North Africa	79%		
	South Asia	65%		
	Sub-Saharan Africa	55%		
	Latin America and the Caribbean	82%		
	Global	100%		
CY20 Development Reach by IFC's Clients	Ву Туре	Results		
,	Employment (millions of jobs)	2.6		
	Patients served (millions)	44.8		
	Students reached (millions)	7.9		
	Farmers reached (millions)	3.6		
	Gas distribution (millions of people reached)	4.2		
	Water distribution (millions of people reached)	1.3		
	Power distribution (millions of people reached)	8.2		
	Power generation (millions of people reached)	57.3		
	Phone connections (millions of people reached)	74.6		
	Number of transactions in trade finance (millions)	864,162		
	Amount of transactions in trade finance (\$ billions)	187,5		
	Number of microfinance loans (millions)	53.1		
	Amount of microfinance loans (\$ billions)	100.4		
	Number of small and medium loans (millions)	12.7		
	Amount of small and medium loans (\$ billions)	459.2		



CY20 Advisory Services Reach		Results
	Value of Financing Facilitated (\$ billions)	19.9
FY20 carbon emissions inventory for IFC's global operations	By Area	tCO₂eq
	HQ Office Electricity (Scope 2)	4,490
	Country Office Electricity (Scope 2)	4,179
	Business Travel (Scope 3)	34,692
	Other*	3,662
	TOTAL	47,023
	* Scope 1, Scope 2 from water chiller electricity and purchased steam and Scope 3 mobile (as of 2013)	

## IFC is responsible for:

- the preparation of the Indicators and Statements in accordance with the reporting criteria applicable during the year ended June 30, 2021 (the "Reporting Criteria"), consisting of IFC's instructions, procedures and guidelines specific to each Indicator, a summary of which is provided on IFC's website;
- the presentation of the Statements in accordance with "IFC's Access to Information Policy", which is available on IFC's website<sup>1</sup> and the principles of relevance, completeness, neutrality, understandability and reliability as defined by international standards<sup>2</sup>.

# Our independence and quality control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

We apply International Standard on Quality Control and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance and ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

# Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Indicators and Statements based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000³ ("ISAE 3000") issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. This standard requires that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Indicators and Statements are free from material misstatement. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal controls, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://disclosures.ifc.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ISAE 3000 from IFAC, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), or AA1000 Accountability Standard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ISAE 3000: "Assurance Engagement other than reviews of historical data", International Federation of Accountants, International Audit and Assurance Board, December 2003.



#### Nature and scope of our limited assurance engagement

We have performed the following procedures:

- We have assessed the Reporting Criteria, policies and principles, with respect to their relevance, completeness, neutrality and reliability.
- We have read the content of the Annual Report to identify key Statements regarding the sustainability and development areas listed above.
- At the corporate level, we have conducted interviews with more than twenty people responsible for reporting to assess the application of the Reporting Criteria or to substantiate the Statements.
- At the corporate level, we have implemented analytical procedures and verified, on a test basis, the calculations and the consolidation of the Indicators.
- We have collected supporting documents for the Indicators or Statements, such as reports to the Board
  of Directors or other meetings, loan agreements, internal and external presentations and reports, or
  survey results.
- We have reviewed the presentation of the Statements and the Indicators in the Annual Report and the associated notes on methodology.

## Limitations of our procedures

Our limited assurance engagement was limited to the Indicators and Statements identified in the table above and did not cover other disclosures in the Annual Report.

Our tests were limited to document reviews and interviews with head office employees. Within the scope of work covered by this report, we have not participated in any activities with external stakeholders or clients and have only conducted limited testing aimed at verifying the validity of information on a sample of individual projects.

#### **Limited Assurance Conclusion**

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- the Indicators have not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria
- the Statements have not been presented, in all material respects, in accordance with "IFC's Policy on Disclosure of Information" and the principles of relevance, completeness, neutrality, clarity and reliability as defined by international standards.

## Other Information about the Reporting Criteria and the Statements preparation process

With regards to the Reporting Criteria and the Statements' preparation policies and principles, we wish to make the following comments:



IFC's methodology for calculating climate finance commitments is presented in the publicly available document "IFC's Definitions and Metrics for Climate-Related Activities". This methodology is aligned with the "Common Principles for Climate Mitigation Finance Tracking and for Adaptation Finance Tracking" adopted by MDBs and IDFC members. The Common Principles are currently being reviewed by MDBs, which will influence IFC's climate finance tracking methodology and what is counted as Climate Finance.

Paris-La Défense, September 24, 2021

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