

PARTNERSHIP FOR MARKET READINESS (PMR)

**Decision Without Meeting of Partnership Assembly (PA)
(Intersessional Period (IP) between PA9 and PA10)**

Resolution No. PA/IP/2014-1

Allocation of the Implementation Phase Funding to Brazil

WHEREAS:

1. On May 29, 2012, the Partnership Assembly (PA), through Resolution PA3/2012-1, allocated the PMR Preparation Phase Funding to Brazil to develop its Market Readiness Proposal (MRP);
2. Brazil submitted an initial draft MRP to the PMR Secretariat in March, 2014. Pursuant to Resolution PA2/2011-3, the PMR Secretariat organized the expert feedback process to enhance the quality of the MRP. Based on the feedback and input from the PMR experts, the World Bank as well as the PMR Secretariat, Brazil revised the MRP and presented its draft MRP at PA9 in May, 2014 to seek feedback from PMR Participants. On the basis of verbal comments expressed at PA9 and subsequent written comments by PMR Participants, Brazil further revised the MRP and submitted the final version to the PMR Secretariat for circulation to PMR Participants on August 29, 2014.
3. Pursuant to Section 4.5(c) of the PMR Governance Framework in connection with Article IX of the Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the PMR, the PA may, without conducting a PA meeting, make decisions on a no-objection basis on any matter that the PMR Secretariat, in consultation with the Co-Chairs, determines and requests should not be postponed until the next PA meeting by electronic means or such other rapid means of communication.
4. Brazil requested the PA to consider its MRP and authorize the allocation of PMR Implementation Phase Funding through electronic means during the intersessional period between PA9 and PA10 which is scheduled to take place on November 3 to 4 in Chile. Brazil also provided further clarifications on its MRP and the rationale behind their request in response to the comments conveyed by a number of Contributing Participants.

5. In consultation with the Co-Chairs and after having given Contributing Participants and other Implementing Country Participants the opportunity to comment on the use of electronic means for PA decision-making on Brazil's request for allocation of PMR Implementation Phase Funding, it was determined that Brazil's request for a PA decision on the allocation of PMR Implementation Phase Funding shall not be postponed until PA10 but, instead, be decided by the PA during the intersessional period through electronic means. The PMR Secretariat and the PA recognize that further discussion is needed at PA10 on the procedures and process of streamlining the MRP feedback and decision making process outlined in Resolution PA2/2011-3, including decision making through electronic means.
6. Pursuant to Section 4.3(c) of the PMR Governance Framework, the PA is responsible for making a decision on the allocation of PMR funding to the Implementing Country Participants, in the absence of the establishment of a Partnership Committee;
7. The PA considered the MRP presented by Brazil and acknowledged improvements made by Brazil in preparing and finalizing the MRP.

THE PARTNERSHIP ASSEMBLY:

1. Decides, in accordance with the criteria included in Resolution PA3/2012-4, to allocate the MRP Implementation Phase Funding in the amount of US\$3,000,000 for carrying out PMR activities identified in the MRP.
2. Invites (i) PMR Participants to provide comments, if any, on Brazil's MRP by October 3, 2014; and (ii) Brazil to take into account such comments during implementation of its MRP.
3. Invites Brazil to periodically update the PA on progress made in the implementation of its MRP.