October 17, 2019

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

SUBJECT: Completion of OIG Risk Assessment of the U.S African Development Foundation Charge Card Program for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018

Dear Mr. Mulvaney:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the results of the Office of Inspector General’s (OIG) risk assessment of the U.S. African Development Foundation’s (USADF) FY2017 and FY2018 charge card program, as required by the Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (P.L. No 112-194) (Charge Card Act) The Charge Card Act requires each OIG to conduct periodic risk assessments of their agency’s charge card program to identify and analyze the risks of illegal, improper, or erroneous purchases and payments. OIGs will use these risk assessments to determine the necessary scope, frequency, and number of audits or reviews of the program.

Based on our risk assessment, we determined that the charge card program poses a low risk to the agency, and an audit of the program is not necessary. We found that the agency has policies and procedures in place that address the applicable charge card internal control requirements identified in the Charge Card Act and related OMB guidance. We also found that the agency has adequate monitoring and reconciliation procedures to reduce the risk of illegal, improper, and erroneous purchases in the charge card program.

We conducted this assessment following internally established OIG policies that govern the planning, conducting, and reporting of this work product. Those policies require that the assessment team be competent and independent. Those policies also require that we obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions in accordance with our assessment objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides that reasonable basis.

To assess the risk of illegal, improper, and erroneous purchases from the purchase cards (including convenience checks and fleet cards), combined integrated card programs, travel card
programs, and centrally billed account as part of USADF’s FY2017 and FY2018 charge card program, we reviewed USADF’s management plans and relevant documents to verify the agency’s internal controls and the elements required under OMB Circular A-123. The management plans do not discuss cases of convenience checks and fleet cards because the program does not apply to these cases.

Furthermore, we interviewed the agency’s CFO to follow up on any changes to the program and obtain an understanding of the agency’s efforts to monitor and reconcile charge card data, as they relate to risks of illegal, improper, and erroneous purchases. Additionally, we reviewed data in detail such as cardholders/active cards; calculated total travel and purchase expenses made in each of the fiscal years; and interviewed investigators about cases from OIG Investigations Division. Our efforts did not identify any misuse of the government charge cards or illegal purchases made on the part of USADF.

No response to this memorandum is necessary. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at 202-712-1133 or abrown@usaid.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: USADF / President & CEO, C.D. Glin