

1. Fund Concessional Financial Support for Low-Income Countries - Responding to the Pandemic - Blended Access to Financing Under the PRGT and the GRA

1. A member that is included in the list of members annexed to Decision No. 8240-(85/56) SAF, as amended (i.e., a member eligible for financing under the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust (PRGT), hereinafter “member”) is a “Presumed Blender” in accordance with the criteria set forth below:

a. Income: A member meets the income thresholds for presumed blending if its annual per capita gross national income (GNI) has exceeded the prevailing operational cutoff for assistance from the International Development Association (IDA) by at least 5 percent for two consecutive years (the “income threshold”). Once a member has met the income threshold, it shall be deemed to continue to meet the threshold unless its annual per capita GNI falls below 95 percent of the IDA operational cut-off.

b. Absence of debt vulnerabilities that limit market access: A member that meets the income threshold as defined in Paragraph 1.a shall be presumed to blend unless it faces debt vulnerabilities that limit its access to international financial markets. A member will be considered to face debt vulnerabilities that limit its access to international financial markets if it is (i) in debt distress or (ii) at high risk of debt distress *and* either (a) does not meet the criterion of capacity to access international financial markets on a durable and substantial basis for the purpose of graduation from the PRGT eligibility as set forth in Paragraph 1(C)(1)(ii) of Decision No. 14521-(10/3), adopted January 11, 2010, as amended (the “PRGT Eligibility Decision”) or (b) is a “small country” or a “microstate”, as such terms are defined in paragraph 1 (D) of the PRGT Eligibility Decision.

2. A request by a Presumed Blender for access to PRGT resources shall be approved only in a blend with access to resources in the General Resources Account (GRA). The mix of PRGT and GRA resources shall be provided in a ratio of one to two of PRGT resources to GRA resources, subject to a cap on access to PRGT resources of 145 percent of quota per arrangement and subject to the overall limits on access to the PRGT set out in Section II, Paragraph 2 of this Instrument. (SM/21/120, Sup. 2, 07/08/21)

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