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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2021

TO: Inter-American Foundation, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Lesley Duncan

FROM: Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Alvin Brown /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of IAF's Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2020 (0-IAF-22-008-C)

Enclosed is the final report on the audit of the Inter-American Foundation's (IAF's) financial statements for fiscal years 2021 and 2020. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Williams, Adley & Company-DC LLP (Williams Adley) to conduct the audit. The contract required the audit firm to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 21-04, "Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements."

In carrying out its oversight responsibilities, OIG reviewed the audit firm's report and related audit documentation and inquired of its representatives. Our review, which was different from an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, was not intended to enable us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on the IAF's financial statements. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed auditor's report and the conclusions expressed in it. We found no instances in which Williams Adley did not comply, in all material respects, with applicable standards.

The audit objectives were to: (1) express an opinion on whether the financial statements as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, were presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate IAF's internal controls over financial reporting; and (3) determine whether IAF complied with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. To answer the audit objective, the audit firm assessed risk, considered internal controls, and designed audit procedures relevant to IAF's fair presentation of its fiscal years 2021 and 2020 financial statements.

The audit firm concluded that IAF's financial statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2021 and 2020, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in IAF's internal control over financial reporting. In addition, Williams Adley found no reportable noncompliance for fiscal year 2021 with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

We appreciate the assistance provided to our staff and the audit firm's employees during the engagement.



Independent Auditor's Report

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Ms. Lesley Duncan
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
Inter-American Foundation

In our audits of the fiscal years 2021 and 2020 financial statements of the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), we found:

- IAF's financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles;
- no material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting based on the limited procedures we performed;¹ and
- no reportable noncompliance for fiscal year 2021 with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements we tested.

The following sections discuss in more detail (1) our report on the financial statements, which includes an emphasis of matter paragraph and an other matter paragraph on the other information²; included with the financial statements; (2) our report on internal control over financial reporting; and (3) our report on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Report on the Financial Statements

In accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; Government Corporation Control Act (GCCA) (Pub. L. No. 79-248, codified at 31 U.S.C. Chapter 91); and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 21-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial*

¹A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.

²Other information consists of the Executive Overview and the Annual Assurance Statement.

Statements, we have audited IAF's financial statements. IAF's financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2021 and 2020; the related statements of operations and changes in net position, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S.; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Bulletin No. 21-04. We believe that the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Management's Responsibility

IAF management is responsible for (1) the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; (2) preparing and presenting other information included in documents containing the audited financial statements and auditor's report, and ensuring the consistency of that information with the audited financial statements; and (3) maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards, and OMB Bulletin No. 21-04 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We are also responsible for applying certain limited procedures to other information included with the financial statements.

An audit of financial statements involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the auditor's assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit of financial statements also involves evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion, IAF's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, IAF's financial position as of September 30, 2021 and 2020 and its operations and changes in net position, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 17 to the financial statements, IAF has an ongoing management review which has or may identify an ADA violation(s) related to an oscillating negative cash balance for an interagency reimbursable account. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Other Information

IAF's other information contains a wide range of information, some of which is not directly related to the financial statements. This information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. We read the other information included with the financial statements in order to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the audited financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on IAF's financial statements. We did not audit and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the other information.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In connection with our audit of the IAF's financial statements, we considered the IAF's internal control over financial reporting, consistent with our auditor's responsibility discussed below. We performed our procedures related to the IAF's internal control over financial reporting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards.

Management's Responsibility

IAF management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, including the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

In planning and performing our audit of IAF's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards, we considered the IAF's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the IAF's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the IAF's internal control over financial reporting. We are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies³ or material weaknesses. We did not consider all internal controls relevant to operating objectives, such as those controls relevant to preparing performance information and ensuring efficient operations.

³A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Definition and Inherent Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

An entity's internal control over financial reporting is a process effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, the objectives of which are to provide reasonable assurance that (1) transactions are properly recorded, processed, and summarized to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition, and (2) transactions are executed in accordance with provisions of applicable laws, including those governing the use of budget authority, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements due to fraud or error.

Results of Our Consideration of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies or to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the IAF's internal control over financial reporting. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Intended Purpose of Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our consideration of the IAF's internal control over financial reporting and the results of our procedures, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the IAF's internal control over financial reporting. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards in considering internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, this report on internal control over financial reporting is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

In connection with our audit of IAF's financial statements, we tested compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements consistent with our auditor's responsibility discussed below. We caution that noncompliance may occur and not be detected by these tests. We performed our tests of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards.

Management's Responsibility

IAF management is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to IAF.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to test compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to IAF that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in IAF's financial statements and perform certain other limited procedures. Accordingly, we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to IAF.

Results of Our Tests for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

Our tests for compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements disclosed no instance of noncompliance for fiscal year 2021 that would be reportable under U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to IAF. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

During our 2021 audit, we identified a deficiency in IAF's internal control over compliance that we do not consider to be a material. Nonetheless, this deficiency warrants IAF management's attention. We have communicated this matter to IAF management in a separate letter.

Intended Purpose of Report on Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards in considering compliance. Accordingly, this report on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements is not suitable for any other purpose.

Williams, Arley & Company DC, LLP

Washington, D.C.
November 09, 2021