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GERF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE HOSTING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (HOSTING MOU) BETWEEN THE WOLRD BANK AND THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION

The GERF Committee at is audio-conference meeting on 24 March 2014, made the following observations and recommendations to the Board:

The GERF Committee:

1. Recognizes the hard work of the World Bank and the GPE Secretariat in making great progress on the Hosting Memorandum of Understanding;
2. Recommends that the proposed Hosting Memorandum of Understanding not be signed as presented because:
    a. of the ambiguity around the GPE CEO's authority to implement Board decisions with regard to budget, headcount and workplan;
    b. of the ambiguity in relation to the CEO Performance Review; and
    c. of the statement that the Secretariat continues to be bound by all World Bank policies, regardless of the source of funding.
3. Recommends that further discussions with the World Bank on the Hosting Memorandum of Understanding should be postponed until after the Replenishment Pledging Conference in June 2014;
4. Invites the Chair of the Board to write a letter to the President of the World Bank outlining the main issues raised by the Secretariat in the document (GERF/2014/03-Doc 02) and flagging an interest in resuming negotiations in July 2014;
5. Recommends that GPE Board members who have counterparts at the World Bank Board discuss the Hosting Memorandum of Understanding and pending issues with their counterparts to help further discussions on these issues after the Replenishment Pledging Conference in June 2014.