

## Notice to Commence the Procedures

July 3, 2017

To: Agentes

The Examiner for the Guidelines  
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

We hereby inform you of our decision to commence the Procedures with respect to your request to raise objections dated April 27, 2017 (accepted on May 16, 2017) as described below. For the details, please refer to the enclosed Results of Examination.

For the next two months in principle, we will investigate the details of JICA's compliance or non-compliance with the Guidelines and encourage dialogues between the parties pursuant to the "Objection Procedures based on the Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations." For this purpose, we may wish to interview you and/or the Requesters, in which case we will contact you and make the necessary arrangements.

Your request will be publicized on the website.

After the completion of the relevant procedures, the reports prepared by the Examiner for the Guidelines, the opinions prepared by JICA's Operational Department and the opinions prepared by the concerned parties will also be publicized on the website. The information that is not required to be publicized by the Objection Procedures and/or statutes will remain undisclosed.

Please note, however, that, per your request, the names of the Requesters will not be disclosed when your request is publicized on the website. In order to protect the identities of the Requesters, we would like to take measures to delete the URL links referred to in the footnotes of your request, in addition to the names of the Requesters, for the sake of precaution.

For the details of the Procedures, please visit the link below or send us an inquiry.  
[http://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/social\\_environmental/objection/index.html](http://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/social_environmental/objection/index.html)

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## Results of Examination

### 1. Formal requirements of the Request

All necessary items are described in the Japanese / English translation of the original which is in Portuguese.

### 2. Requirements to commence the Procedures

#### (1) Requirements regarding the Requester

The Request has been submitted by two (2) or more residents of the country who have suffered actual damage or are likely to suffer damage in the future as a result of JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines regarding the project for which JICA provides cooperation. However, further investigation/information is needed, including on the scope of agent agreement.

#### (2) Project with respect to which the objections are submitted

After identifying the project from the Request, it has been confirmed that JICA provides technical cooperation for the project.

#### (3) Period

The Request was submitted between the time at which JICA disclosed the project agreement document and one (1) month after the final report is disclosed on JICA's website.

#### (4) Actual damage incurred or likely to be incurred by the Requester as a result of JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines

The Requester has claimed that actual damage was incurred or likely to be incurred. However, further investigation is needed.

#### (5) Relevant provisions of the Guidelines considered to have been violated by JICA and the facts constituting JICA's non-compliance alleged by the Requester

The Requester has claimed and stated that JICA violated and did not comply with Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.9, 2, 2.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.9 of the Guidelines. However, further investigation is needed.

(6) Causal nexus between JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines and the substantial damage

The Requester has claimed and described the causal nexus between JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines and the actual damage. However, further investigation is needed.

(7) Facts concerning the Requester's consultation with the Project Proponent

The request states that the Requester has tried to have dialogues with the Project Proponent.

(8) Facts concerning the Requester's consultation with JICA

The request states that the Requester has tried to communicate with JICA's Operational Department. But we couldn't identify the fact that the JICA Mozambique Office has been contacted by the Requester so far.

(9) Prevention of abuse

There is no concern that this Request would be determined to be an abuse of JICA's objection procedures.

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