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FROM: STATE REFORM CHAMPION /COORDINATOR

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF "CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (SABER) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT"

Your Excellency Sir, the above subject refers.

On behalf of the Cross River State Enabling Business Environment Council (CR SEBEC), we present the "CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT" for State Executive Council approval.

Your Excellency will kindly recall the ongoing World Bank financed Programme 4 Result (P4R) State Action on Business Enabling Reform Program initiative.

It is worthy to note that Cross River State has keyed-in to the initiative and has constituted the State Enabling Business Environment Council (CR SEBEC) Chaired by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor and Members drawn from State Executive Council, Strategic Heads of Government Parastatals and Organized Private Sector for this purpose with the aim of ensuring improve Business Enabling Environment in the State.

The programme has a total Finance Credit Package of US\$750m (Seven Hundred and Fifty Million US Dollars) only for the 36 States to leverage on and attract investments. Cross River State will be eligible for US\$52M (Fifty -Two Million Dollars) based on presentations of Business Reforms Action Plan and Progress Reports, amongst others.

In accessing the fund, there are strict guidelines of World Bank Verification Protocols which must be met by the State hence the need for the State Executive Council to approve the CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT before publication.



CONSIDERATIONS:

We respectfully request His Excellency to consider the followings:

1. The CRS Executive Council approved the CRS Business Enabling Reform Action Plan 2025.
2. The "CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT" activity has a deadline of 30th of July 2026 for the State Executive Council approval.
3. Attached herewith is the copy of the "CROSS RIVER STATE ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT" (Appendix I).

PRAYERS

- In light of the above background and considerations, we must respectfully request Your Excellency to approve the "CROSS RIVER STATE BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2025 PROGRESS REPORT" and direct for presentation to the State Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Thank you.



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