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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 ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (SABER) 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 ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2024 PROGRESS REPORT" for State Executive Council approval.

Your Excellency will kindly recall the ongoing three year (2023-2025) Programme 4 Result (P4R) State Action on Business Enabling Reform Program initiative by the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning in collaboration with the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC), Nigeria Governor's Forum (NGF) and World Bank to strengthen business enabling reforms across the country.

It also 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 Environment in the State.

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

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 ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) PROGRESS REPORT before publication.



Cross River State Enabling Business Environment Council Secretariat, Calabar, Cross River State

## CONSIDERATIONS:

We respectfully request His Excellency to consider the followings:

1. The CRS Executive Council approved the Business Enabling Reform Action Plan in the year 2024 (copy of Exco approval attached as Appendix I).
2. The "CROSS RIVER STATE ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2024 PROGRESS REPORT" activity has a deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 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) 2024 PROGRESS REPORT" (Appendix II).

## PRAYERS

- In view of the above background and considerations, we must respectfully request His Excellency the Governor to approve the "CROSS RIVER STATE ACTION ON BUSINESS ENABLING REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BERAP) 2024 PROGRESS REPORT" and direct for presentation to the State Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Thank you.



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