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Mark A. Bradley, Director
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Dear Mr. Bradley:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of USAID's Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCGR) as required under Executive Order 13526 and pursuant to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) memorandum dated March 17, 2016.

USAID performed a review of its one classification guide. This review began in March 2016 and concluded in June 2017. The Office of Security's Information and Industrial Security (IIS) Branch reached out to stakeholders, subject matter experts, unit security officers, security professionals, and managers from various Bureaus and Independent Offices to review the guide and provide their feedback. The IIS Branch also issued an agency notice informing all employees that this review was taking place. The FCGR took into account all guidance provided by ISOO to include if the guide contained the information as required by 32 CFR 2001, if information should retain its current level of classification, if information should be downgraded or declassified, if the current duration of classification is appropriate, if past or recent classification and declassification decisions were incorporated, and if the guide was cross-referenced with other guides.

USAID began the FCGR with one classification guide and ended the review with one classification guide. The guide was updated to include an agency point of contact for questions regarding the classification guide and its contents. The guide was also updated under one topic to include additional remarks to further explain the situations through which that type of information would be classified. Additional guides were not developed as a result of this review nor were any guides cancelled. It was determined that the information listed within the guide should retain its current classification level and no information should be downgraded. There were no modifications made to the classification duration since the current duration is appropriate. Declassification exemptions were not removed or included since USAID's classification guide does not include any declassification exemptions.

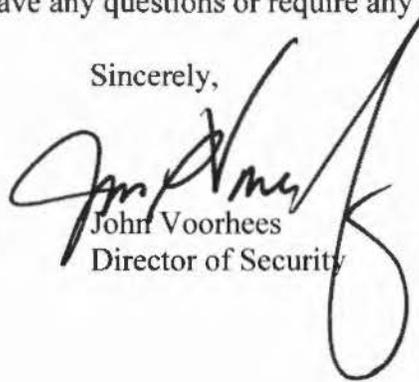
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Throughout this review it was determined that the dissemination and availability of the guidance is appropriate, timely, and effective. In addition, an examination of recent classification decisions reflected that the intent of the security classification guide was reflected in these decisions.

USAID's Original Classification Authorities continue to be trained on an annual basis and included in this training is the use of our agency's security classification guide. USAID employees are also trained on this guide during their mandatory initial and refresher information security training.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Voorhees". The signature is stylized and overlaps with the printed name and title below it.

John Voorhees
Director of Security