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## Excellencies:

Brazil: Operation to Strengthen Service Delivery for Growth, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Sustainability in the State of Ceará – Loan 8302-BR Declaration of Effectiveness

I am pleased to notify you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank") considers that all legal requirements have been fulfilled for effectiveness of the Loan Agreement, dated December 19th, 2013, between the State of Ceará (the "Borrower") and the Bank.

Consequently, the Loan Agreement as well as the Guarantee Agreement between the Federative Republic of Brazil (the "Guarantor") and the Bank for the above referenced Project become effective today, December 20th, 2013.

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

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Sincerely,

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