

FROM: Victoria Márquez-Mees, Directora del MICI

REFERENCE: Request MICI-BID-EC-2017-0124 regarding Project “Protection and Recovery of Cultural Heritage Assets program” (EC-L1097)

DATE: August 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Notification of Non-registration of Request**

Dear Requesters,

After receiving your communication on July 26, and within the five business-days established by the MICI policy, we have found that the Request addresses two different topics. Therefore, we will address each topic separately:

1. Regarding your Request for Information

In relation to the documentation requested, regarding the “Protection and Recovery of Cultural Heritage Assets program” (EC-L1097), please note that the MICI office is not the agency responsible for the Inter-American Development Bank information requests, please send these requests to the corresponding agency. Also, we suggest that you review the IADB [Access to Information Policy](#), which mentions the available accountability mechanisms in section 9.

2. Within the Scope of MICI

Regarding your claim about harm allegations linked to a possible noncompliance of the Bank Operational Policies; after reviewing your claim, we found that at least one of the exclusions set out in paragraph 19 of the MICI Policy applies (MI-47-6). These exclusions are subject to verification during the Intake phase.

Specifically for your Request, MICI found that exclusion 19 (b), which states that neither the Consultation Phase nor the Compliance Review Phase will be applied to Requests that are without substance. It is MICI’s consideration that the allegations of harm presented in the Request cannot be linked to the “Protection and Recovery of Cultural Heritage Assets program” and are therefore unfounded.

Also, we would like to point out that the MICI Policy establishes that Requesters (two or more) must reside in the country where the Operation is implemented. According to the information presented in this Request, the two Requesters live in Mexico City.

Therefore, this notification is to inform you that this Request will not be registered because of exclusion 19 (b) of the MICI Policy. With this determination MICI finalizes the administrative process of Request MICI-BID-EC-2017-0124, in accordance to paragraph 20 (b) of the MICI Policy.

We are at your disposal to answer any questions or clarifications regarding the MICI process.

Kind regards,