



David Malpass  
President

December 16, 2019

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Secretary,

You asked about any World Bank plans to include the labor indicator in the Doing Business report rankings and expressed the view that it should not be added. We had been considering including it but based on the input from you and other stakeholders, we will not go forward -- we will not include the labor indicator in the rankings. In addition, we will no longer collect labor data for, or include data in, the Doing Business data set.

For background, the first several Doing Business reports (starting with the report published in 2003) included an indicator regarding labor issues such as labor mobility. The labor indicator was dropped from the rankings in 2010, though the data for the indicator continued to be collected.

We appreciate the input from you and other stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Malpass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Malpass

cc: Ms. DJ Nordquist, Executive Director for the United States, The World Bank Group