VALIDITY OF THE NOTES

The validity of the Notes will be passed on by the Senior Vice President and General Counsel, or a Deputy General Counsel or the Chief Counsel, Finance, of IBRD and by Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (as to Notes governed by New York law) and Linklaters LLP (as to Notes governed by English law), counsel to the Dealers, each of which, with respect to certain matters, will rely upon counsel to IBRD. It is expected that the validity of Notes governed by the law of any other jurisdiction will be passed on by counsel to the relevant Dealers at the time of issue.

The opinions of counsel to IBRD, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Linklaters LLP will be conditioned upon, and subject to certain assumptions regarding, future action required to be taken by IBRD and the Fiscal Agent or the Global Agent in connection with the issuance and sale of any particular Note, the specific terms of Notes and other matters which may affect the validity of Notes but which cannot be ascertained on the date of such opinions.