

September 26, 2025.

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Dear Mr. Claure:

I am pleased to attach the final technical assistance (TA) report titled Report of the Quarterly National Accounts Mission, which was prepared by the mission of the IMF Statistics Department (July 21 –28, 2025) and was led by Michael Stanger. The mission was funded by the Data for Decisions Fund (D4D), a multi-donor initiative aimed at strengthening the quality of national statistics to more effectively support economic policymaking in low- and lower-middle-income countries. The recommendations presented in the report are based on the findings of the mission during its visit to La Paz along with those from the previous mission and from the various online technical sessions with INE's team carried out during 2025. I understand that these recommendations were discussed with you and officials under your responsibility during the mission.

We highlight the efforts INE has made in updating the base year of the national accounts. The mission's recommendations include the adoption of international best practices, including the use of time series benchmarking methods for extrapolation, the compilation of chained volume measures, the use of detailed compilation frameworks to increase the accuracy of deflation, the development of an updated dissemination and revision policy, and the revamping of the monthly indicator of economic activity. The dissemination of the rebased annual, quarterly, and monthly data is expected to start in September 2025 and conclude in the first quarter of 2026, where a regular dissemination schedule will be in place.

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report on the IMF website, I would be grateful if you could sign and return the authorization set forth below since your explicit consent is required to publish the TA report. You can also decide to publish the report through your own outlets with IMF approval. In both cases, we will undertake the needed procedural steps as soon as we hear back from you.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your staff for the excellent assistance and cooperation without which the mission could not have conducted its work effectively. I hope that the TA mission has assisted the Bolivian authorities, and I would welcome any comments or suggestions you may have for future TA cooperation. Michael Stanger (mstanger@imf.org) will be available to address any further questions or clarifications concerning this report or the way forward.

I look forward to our continuing cooperation in the effort to improve the National Accounts Statistics of Bolivia.

Sincerely yours,

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We hereby authorize the IMF to publish the report entitled "Informe de la Misión de Cuentas Nacionales Trimestrales (julio 21–28, 2025)" on the IMF external website.		
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