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International Development

Our firm regularly represents clients engaged in international development work aimed at alleviating difficult conditions in underdeveloped countries. Specialized agencies of the United Nations, global and regional development banks, and international development agencies of the U.S. government and certain foreign governments perform much of this work through short-term humanitarian relief and long-term economic development assistance and programs. Many of our clients – both for-profit businesses and non-profit charities – also play important roles.

Our attorneys have decades of professional experience in representing clients before the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, U.S. Department of State, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and other federal government agencies, as well as the international development agencies of Canada, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. We also have significant experience in representing clients who are dealing with international consulting firms and foundations and other charities that have a global focus. Vorys attorneys regularly work with U.S. charitable organizations that conduct substantial activities abroad to design and implement fundraising, governance and operational structures that are accomplish the philanthropic goals of these organizations in way that complies with relevant U.S. tax laws. We also counsel foreign charitable and educational organizations with respect to their activities in the U.S. and their access to U.S. private sector and government grants.