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CREDIT NUMBER 6792-CV

# Financing Agreement

(Digital Cabo Verde Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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**CREDIT NUMBER 67920-CV**

**FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS**

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE II — FINANCING**

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a credit, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to fourteen million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 14,300,000) (variously, “Credit” and “Financing”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Service Charge is three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are June 15 and December 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

### **ARTICLE III — PROJECT**

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION**

- 4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.
- 4.02. For purposes of Section 10.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the Signature Date.

### **ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its minister responsible for finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Recipient's address is:  
  
Ministry of Finance  
Avenida Amilcar Cabral  
C.P. 30, Praia  
Cabo Verde; and
  - (b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:  
  
E-mail:  
  
Gilson.g.pina@mf.gov.cv and; Malaquias.lopes@mf.gov.cv
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
- (a) The Association's address is:  
  
International Development Association  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
United States of America; and

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE**

By:

H.E. Dr. Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia

Authorized Representative

Name: H.E. Dr. Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia

Title: Minister of Finance

Date: 08-dez-2020

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

By:

Nathan M. Belete

Authorized Representative

Name: Nathan M. Belete

Title: Country Director

Date: 01-Dec-2020

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **Project Description**

The objective of the Project is to strengthen Cabo Verde's digital competitiveness foundations and improve the provision of digital public services.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### **Part 1: Enabling Legal and Regulatory Environment**

Providing technical assistance, capacity-building activities and equipment aimed at improving the Recipient's legal and regulatory environment for the development of the digital economy through, *inter-alia*:

- 1.1 Supporting the development and strengthening of: (a) a Regulatory Impact Analysis of the effectiveness of regulatory tools and instruments; (b) regulatory tools for ex-ante regulation on the wholesale and retail telecommunication markets; and (c) regulation sandboxes to pilot innovative applications based on new technologies.
- 1.2 Supporting the implementation of the Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy.
- 1.3 Supporting the development of: (a) technical, legal and financial audits of NOSi's legacy systems and infrastructure, financial asset valuation and the development of recommendations for effective management of the digital access network; (b) a new Human Capital Strategy and Management Model designed to support NOSi's transformation into a more agile and competitive organization; and (c) activities aimed at implementing CVT's strategic repositioning.

#### **Part 2: Digital Competitiveness**

Supporting the Recipient's efforts to strengthen key enablers of the digital economy, with a focus on digital connectivity, skills and entrepreneurship through, *inter-alia*:

- 2.1 Providing: (a) technical assistance to conduct a feasibility study and prepare bidding documents for the purchase of additional broadband capacity for primary and secondary schools as well as undertake an evaluation of WebLabs I; and (b) international bandwidth from the wholesale market for schools.
- 2.2 Providing: (a) tablets for new education staff; (b) internet and mobile connectivity to education staff; (c) video lessons for students; (d) equipment, supplies and Operating Costs for the implementation of WebLabs II; and (e) technical assistance to support development of a new ICT curriculum in schools and training of ICT teachers.

- 2.3 Providing technical assistance for: (a) the development of the Digital Economy Strategy; (b) the implementation of the Digital Cabo Verde Program; and (c) the scaling-up of the Code for All Program.

### **Part 3: Digital Public Services and Marketplace**

Providing equipment, Training and technical assistance aimed at strengthening the Recipient's capacity in delivering digital public services in government-to-government (G2G), government-to-business (G2B) and government-to-people (G2P) domains through the upgrading or integration of, *inter-alia*: (a) the Single External Trade System – JUCE; (b) digital databases of the Recipient's embassies and consulates, and ComVIDA Platform; (c) the Cloud Blockchain Platform, including updating various legacy systems of the public administration to blockchain technology; (d) SNIAC databases, registries and voters; (e) a digital one-stop shop to attract investors in Cabo Verde; and (f) a Digital Governance Plan supporting the implementation of various modernization actions by the public administration with priority given to digital public services, research and development, innovation and human resources empowerment.

### **Part 4: Project Implementation Support**

Providing support for Project implementation, including for, *inter alia*, coordination, procurement, financial management, monitoring and evaluation activities and financing of Operating Costs.

### **Part 5: Contingent Emergency Response**

Providing immediate response to an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Recipient, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster ("Eligible Crisis or Emergency"), as needed, pursuant to Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Project Execution**

#### **Section I.      Implementation Arrangements**

##### **A.      Institutional Arrangements**

###### **1.      Ministry of Finance**

The Recipient shall vest the overall responsibility for the implementation of the Project in the MOF.

###### **2.      Project Implementation Unit - UGPE**

Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section I.A, the Recipient, through the MOF, shall designate and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, a Project implementation unit (“PIU”), to be responsible for day to day execution, coordination and implementation (including procurement, financial management, environmental and social, monitoring and evaluation, supervision and reporting) of activities under the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall take all actions, including the provision of funding, resources and personnel, with qualifications and experience, and under terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association, to enable the PIU to perform said functions, as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual.

###### **3.      Project Steering Committee**

The Recipient shall maintain throughout Project implementation, a project steering committee with composition and mandate acceptable to the Association (“Project Steering Committee” or “PSC”). The PSC shall be chaired by the Recipient’s Prime Minister (or his delegate) and comprise, *inter alia*: representatives of the MOF, the MOE, the private sector, and education institutions, as well as the representatives of DGTED, ARME, NOSi and SNIAC, and shall be responsible for providing strategic guidance to the PIU on Project implementation.

##### **B.      Implementation Arrangements**

###### **1.      Project Implementation Manual**

- (a) The Recipient shall adopt and thereafter maintain, throughout Project implementation, a Project implementation manual containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project including with respect to, *inter alia*: administration and coordination, budget and budgetary control, disbursement procedures and banking

arrangements, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, procurement and accounting procedures, internal control procedures, accounting system and transaction records, reporting requirements, audit arrangements, environmental and social aspects, corruption and fraud mitigation measures, eligibility, a grievance redress mechanism, roles and responsibilities for Project implementation, and such other arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the effective implementation of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association ("Project Implementation Manual").

- (b) The Recipient shall not amend the Project Implementation Manual without the prior written approval of the Association.
- (c) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

## **2. Annual Work Plan and Budget**

- (a) The Recipient shall, not later than November 30 in each calendar year during Project implementation, prepare, in cooperation with the Project Steering Committee, and furnish to the Association, a program of activities proposed for inclusion in the Project during the following calendar year, including: (i) a detailed timetable for the sequencing and implementation of said activities; (ii) the types of expenditures required for such activities; and (iii) the planned procurement methods for the expenditures ("Annual Work Plan and Budget").
- (b) The Recipient shall exchange views with the Association on each such proposed annual work plan and budget, and shall thereafter carry out such program of activities for such following year as shall have been agreed between the Recipient and the Association.
- (c) Only those activities which are included in an Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be included in the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Annual Work Plan and Budget might be amended from time to time to include new activities with the prior and written concurrence of the Association.

## **C. Environmental and Social Standards**

- 1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.



2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan ("ESCP"), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and provided in the ESCP;
  - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
  - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
  - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
4. The Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
  - (b) the Association is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
5. The Recipient shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and

grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

**D. Contingent Emergency Response**

1. In order to ensure the proper implementation of contingent emergency response activities under Part 5 of the Project ("Emergency Response Part"), the Recipient, through the PIU, shall:
  - (a) prepare and furnish to the Association for its review and approval, an Emergency Response Manual ("CER Manual") which shall set forth detailed implementation, operation, fiduciary and technical arrangements for the Emergency Response Part, including: (i) any special institutional structures or arrangements for coordinating and implementing the Emergency Response Part; (ii) specific activities which may be included in the Emergency Response Part, Eligible Expenditures required therefor ("Emergency Expenditures"), and any procedures for such inclusion; (iii) criteria for activating the Emergency Response Part; (iv) financial management arrangements for the Emergency Response Part; (v) procurement methods and procedures for the Emergency Response Part; (vi) documentation required for withdrawals of Emergency Expenditures; (vii) environmental and social management arrangements and instruments applicable to the Emergency Response Part consistent with the provisions of Section I.C above; and (viii) any other arrangements necessary to ensure proper coordination and implementation of the Emergency Response Part;
  - (b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed ERM;
  - (c) promptly adopt the ERM for the Emergency Response Part as accepted by the Association;
  - (d) ensure that the Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the ERM; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the ERM and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and
  - (e) not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal or waive any provision of the ERM without the prior written approval by the Association.
2. The Recipient shall, through the PIU, and throughout the implementation of the Emergency Response Part, maintain the institutional structures and arrangements

established in accordance with the ERM, with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to the Association.

3. The Recipient shall undertake no activities under the Emergency Response Part unless and until the following conditions have been met in respect of said activities:
- (a) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include said activities in the Emergency Response Part in order to respond to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency, and the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and
  - (b) the Recipient has ensured the preparation and disclosure of all environmental and social instruments as may be required for said activities in accordance with the ERM and the ESCP, the Association has approved all said instruments, and the Recipient has ensured the implementation of any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

**Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing**

**A. General**

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing to: (a) finance Eligible Expenditures; and (b) repay the Preparation Advance; in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</b>
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(1) Goods, non-consulting services, and consulting services, Training and Operating Costs for the Project	12,900,000	100%
(2) Emergency Expenditures under Part 5 of the Project	0	100%
(3) Refund of Preparation Advance	1,400,000	Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07(a) of the General Conditions
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	14,300,000	

**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:
  - (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; or
  - (b) for Emergency Expenditures under Category (2), unless and until the Association is satisfied, and notified the Recipient of its satisfaction, that all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said expenditures:
    - (i) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include the proposed activities in the Emergency Response Part in order to respond to said crisis or emergency, and the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof;
    - (ii) the Recipient has ensured that all environmental and social instruments required for said activities have been prepared and disclosed, and the Recipient has ensured that any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments have been implemented, all in accordance with the provisions of Section I.D of this Schedule;
    - (iii) the entities in charge of coordinating and implementing the Emergency Response Part have adequate staff and resources, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.D.2 of this Schedule, for the purposes of said activities; and

- (iv) the Recipient has adopted the CER Manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, and the provisions of the CER Manual remain in accordance with the provisions of Section I.D.1(a) of this Schedule so as to be appropriate for the inclusion and implementation of said activities under the Emergency Response Part.

- 2. The Closing Date is October 31, 2025.

**Section IV. Other Undertakings**

- 1. The Recipient shall, no later than one (1) month after the Effective Date, or such later date as agreed by the Association, recruit a Project manager with qualifications, experience and terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association, responsible for: (a) supervision of Project implementation; and (b) coordination between DGTED, UGPE and other stakeholders involved in Project implementation.
- 2. The Recipient shall, no later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, or such later date as agreed by the Association:
  - (a) customize the Project's accounting software, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
  - (b) recruit an internal auditor with qualifications, experience and terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association; and
  - (c) recruit an accountant assistant with qualifications, experience and terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association.
- 3. The Recipient shall, no later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, or such later date as agreed by the Association, recruit an external auditor with qualifications, experience and terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**Repayment Schedule**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each June 15 and December 15:	
commencing December 15, 2030 to and including June 15, 2040;	1%
commencing December 15, 2040 to and including June 15, 2060.	2%

\* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.05(b) of the General Conditions.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Definitions**

1. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means the annual work plan and budget approved by the Association and adopted by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as said annual work plan and budget may be modified from time to time with the written agreement of the Association.
2. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016.
3. “ARME” means *Agência de Regulação Multisectorial da Economia*, the Recipient’s Multisectoral Economic Regulation Agency established pursuant to *Decree-Law No. 50/2018* dated September 20, 2018.
4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
5. “Cloud Blockchain Platform” means a digital platform under which a record of transactions made in cryptocurrency are maintained across several computers that are linked in a peer-to-peer network.
6. “Code for All Program” means the Recipient’s intensive 14-weeks-long programming course open to Cape Verdean citizens, offered through the Digital Cabo Verde Program with private sector partners.
7. “ComVIDA Platform” means the Recipient’s digital platform developed to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and provide information to the general public on available resources, government response program, and disease awareness.
8. “Contingency Emergency Response Manual” and the acronym “CER Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.D.1(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be adopted by the Recipient for the Emergency Response Part and thereafter included in the Project Implementation Manual.
9. “CVT” means Cabo Verde Telecom, the Recipient’s major telecommunications service provider created pursuant to *Decree-Law No. 9-A/95* dated February 16, 1995.

10. “Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy” means the Recipient’s plan of actions for 2016-2020, approved on February 11, 2016 and designed to improve the security and resilience of national cyber infrastructure and services.
11. “DGTED” means *Direção-Geral das Telecomunicações e Economia Digital*, the Recipient’s National Directorate of Telecommunications and Digital Economy within MOF.
12. “Digital Cabo Verde Program” means the Recipient’s plan adopted in December 27, 2019, to foster economic diversification and promote digital technologies, in accordance with the Recipient’s Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development 2018–2030.
13. “Digital Economy Strategy” means the Recipient’s strategy on digital transformation to be developed under the Project.
14. “Digital Governance Plan” means the Recipient’s framework to be developed under the Project, establishing accountability, roles, and decision-making authority for government's digital presence.
15. “Eligible Crisis or Emergency” means the event described in Part 5 of the Project.
16. “Emergency Expenditure” means any of the eligible expenditures set forth in the Emergency Response Manual in accordance with the provisions of Section I.D.1(a)(ii) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and required for the Emergency Response Part.
17. “Emergency Response Part” means Part 5 of the Project, as further described in Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
18. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or the acronym “ESCP” means the Recipient’s environmental and social commitment plan, acceptable to the Association, dated October 6, 2020, which sets out a summary of the material measures and actions to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timing of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, Training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any instruments to be prepared thereunder; as the ESCP may be revised from time to time, with prior written agreement of the Association.
19. “Environmental and Social Standards” means, collectively: (i) “Environmental and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts”; (ii) “Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions”; (iii) “Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management”; (iv) “Environmental and



Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety”; (v) “Environmental and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement”; (vi) “Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources”; (vii) “Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.

20. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018.
21. “Human Capital Strategy and Management Model” means the Recipient’s strategy for identifying NOSi’s resource pool and capabilities to be developed under the Project.
22. “ICT” means information and communications technology.
23. “MOE” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for education, or any successor thereto.
24. “MOF” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for finance, or any successor thereto.
25. “NOSi” means *Núcleo Operacional da Sociedade de Informação* (Operational Nucleus for the Information Society), the central public entity in charge of deployment, maintenance and management of the eGovernment services and which overhauls government entities and administrations using ICT.
26. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental operating expenditures incurred by the PIU, which would not exist absent the Project, required for an efficient Project implementation and monitoring, including costs for office rent, operation and maintenance of vehicles, office equipment and supplies, communication costs, support for information systems, translations, bank charges, Project related travel and *per diem* costs, salaries of the contractual staff (excluding consulting services and salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service), office administration costs, and other reasonable expenditures directly associated with the carrying out of the Project, all based on annual budgets acceptable to the Association.
27. “Preparation Advance” means the advance referred to in Section 2.07(a) of the General Conditions, granted by the Association to the Recipient pursuant to the

letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on February 13, 2020, and on behalf of the Recipient on February 21, 2020.

28. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.
29. “Project Implementation Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
30. “Project Implementation Unit”, “PIU” or “UGPE” means *Unidade de Gestão de Projetos Especiais*, the Project implementing unit established under the MOF and referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
31. “Project Steering Committee” means *Comissão Nacional para a Estratégia Digital*, established pursuant to Recipient’s Council of Ministers Resolution No. 1/2020, a steering committee providing strategic guidance for Project implementation, as further described in the Project Implementation Manual.
32. “Regulatory Impact Analysis” means an analysis on the Recipient’s regulation(s) to be financed under Part 1.1 of the Project.
33. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Financing Agreement” in the General Conditions.
34. “Single External Trade System – JUCE” means an integrated information database system to manage foreign trade business.
35. “SNIAC” means *Sistema Nacional de Identificação e Autenticação Civil*, the Recipient’s National System for Identification and Civil Authentication created pursuant to *Law No. 43/VIII/2013* dated September 17, 2013, and designed to be a central data provider to all other administration subsystems supporting and using identification and authentication as basic elements of operation and public service provision.
36. “Training” means expenditures (other than those for consulting services) incurred by the Association in connection with the carrying out of Training activities (such as seminars, workshops, including the reasonable travel costs (i.e. accommodation, transportation and per-diem, *inter alia*) of trainees and trainers (if applicable), training registration fees, catering, rental of training facilities and equipment, logistics and printing services, as well as training materials, all for the purposes of, and directly related to, the activities of the Project.

37. “WebLabs I” means the first phase of a Recipient initiative aiming to contribute to the reduction of digital exclusion, facilitating the access to equipment and connectivity, knowledge and use of technologies and intending to train youth in the construction and development of ICT.
38. “WebLabs II” means the second phase of a Recipient initiative aiming to contribute to the reduction of digital exclusion, facilitating the access to equipment and connectivity, knowledge and use of technologies and intending to train youth in the construction and development of ICT.