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H. E. Dr. Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia
Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
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**Re: Republic of Cabo Verde: Advance Agreement for the
Preparation of the Proposed Digital Cabo Verde Project
Preparation Advance No. IDA V3050
Amendment to the Agreement**

Excellency:

We refer to the Advance Agreement (“Agreement”) for the above-referenced proposed Project, between the Republic of Cabo Verde (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“World Bank”), dated February 21, 2020.

We also refer to your letter dated May 18, 2020, requesting specific amendments to the Agreement. Please note that capitalized terms used in this letter (“Amendment Letter”) and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Agreement.

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank accedes to your request and proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. A new paragraph (c) is added to Section 1.02 of the Annex to the Agreement, to read as follows, and successive paragraphs are re-lettered correspondingly:

“(c) “COVID-19” means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).”

2. Section 2.01 of the Annex to the Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following:

“2.01. *Description of the Activities.* The Activities for which the Advance is provided consist of the following parts:

- (a) Providing technical assistance for the preparation of a legal, policy and regulatory assessment to identify gaps and gray zones in the areas of forward-looking telecommunication, data governance and emerging technologies deployment.
- (b) Providing technical assistance for the preparation, finalization and adoption of safeguards documents.
- (c) Strengthening UGPE’s and the Recipient’s Directorate for Telecommunications and Digital Economy’s capacity, including the hiring of staff required for the purpose of the Advance.

- (d) Providing technical assistance to enhance the efficiency of the following digital public platforms during and immediately after the COVID-19 crisis including:
 - (i) *Portal* - interoperable with all relevant public administration information systems;
 - (ii) *E-ID* - signature of digital documents with the national identity card and mobile phones;
 - (iii) introduction of videoconferencing in the provision of public service; and
 - (iv) *ComVida* - official platform of the government to track, monitor and manage COVID-19 pandemic.
- (e) Providing support in COVID-19 response activities in the Recipient's education sector by provision of: (i) tablets for new education staff; (ii) internet and mobile connectivity for teachers; and (iii) video lessons."

3. Section 3.02 of the Annex to the Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following:

"3.02. ***Withdrawal Conditions.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after May 27, 2020, for Eligible Expenditures."

All provisions of the Agreement which are not expressly modified in accordance with this Amendment Letter remain unchanged.

Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing, by countersigning and dating the two original copies of this Amendment Letter and returning one countersigned original copy to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of said original countersigned by the authorized representative of the Recipient and dated, this amendment shall become effective as of the date of countersignature of this Amendment Letter.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Nathan M. Belete
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AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE

By Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia
Authorized Representative

Name: Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia

Title: Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Date: 18-Jun-2020