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**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ECAPDEV Project Preparation Grant for the proposed
Agriculture Modernization and Competitiveness Project
Grant No. TF0A9955
Additional Instructions: Disbursement Letter (DL)**

Dear Mr. Kuchkarov:

I refer to the Letter Agreement (“Agreement”) between the International Development Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the Multi-Donor Programmatic Trust Fund for Europe and Central Asia Region Capacity Development (ECAPDEV), and Republic of Uzbekistan (the “Recipient”) for the above-referenced project, dated APRIL 13, 2019. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Grant TF0A9955 (“Grant”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter” or “DL”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds and Reporting on Uses of Grant Proceeds

The Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing, dated February 2017, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) are available in the World Bank’s public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. The Disbursement Guidelines are an integral part of the DL, and the manner in which the provisions in the guidelines apply to the Grant is specified below.

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications and processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account.

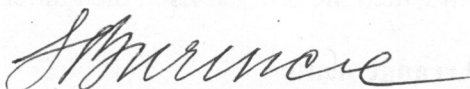
(ii) Electronic Delivery

The Recipient will electronically deliver applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank's web-based portal (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) "Client Connection". This facility will become available once: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive Secure Identification Credentials ("SIDC") from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of "Client Connection". The designated officials will deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection". By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on an exceptional basis (including when encountering legislative limitations), and when pre-agreed with the World Bank. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the World Bank's public website at <https://worldbank.org> and "Client Connection"; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Other Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the World Bank's website (<http://www.worldbank.org/>) and "Client Connection". The World Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection". From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the World Bank by email at askloans@worldbank.org.

Yours sincerely,



Authorized Representative

Attachments

1. Form of Authorized Signatory Letter
2. Form of Statement of Expenditure (SOE)
3. Form of Designated Account Reconciliation Statement

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and Food Security (UZAIFSA)

Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions

Basic Information			
Grant Number	Country	Republic of Uzbekistan	Paragraph 3.03. of Article III of the Annex to the Letter Agreement
	Recipient	Republic of Uzbekistan	
TF0A9955	Name of the Project	ECAPDEV Project Preparation Grant for the proposed Agriculture Modernization and Competitiveness Project	Disbursement Deadline Date (Subsection 3.7 **)
Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation			
Disbursement Methods (Section 2 **)	Methods	Supporting Documentation (Subsections 4.3 and 4.4 **)	
Direct Payment	Yes	Copy of records (e.g. suppliers' invoices, guarantees for advance and retention payments, etc.)	
Reimbursement	Yes	Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DL	
Designated Account	Yes	Statement of Expenditure (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DL; Designated Account Reconciliation Statement in the format provided in Attachment 3 of the DL	
Special Commitments	No	N/A	
Designated Account (Sections 5 and 6 **)			
Type	Segregated – new, separate Designated Account to be opened for the Grant		Ceiling
Financial Institution - Name	To be established at a financial institution acceptable to the World Bank		Currency
Frequency of Reporting (Subsection 6.3 **)	At least quarterly, or more frequently if needed		Amount
Minimum Value of Applications (Subsection 3.5)			
The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement and Direct Payment is USD 10,000 equivalent.			
Authorized Signatures (Subsection 3.1 and 3.2 **) The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter			
Withdrawal and Documentation Applications (Subsection 3.3 and 3.4 **)			
The World Bank Radnicka cesta 80, 9 th floor Zagreb, HR-10000, Croatia Attention: Loan Department (WFACS)			
<p>Note: All Withdrawal and Documentation Applications will be electronically delivered to the World Bank, via the World Bank's website Client Connection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Information/Instructions</p>			

** Sections and subsections relate to the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.

Attachment 1 – Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]

[Recipient]

[Street address]

[City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Attention: [Country Director]

Re: Grant No. TF0A9955
ECAPDEV Project Preparation Grant for the proposed
Agriculture Modernization and Competitiveness Project

I refer to the Letter Agreement (“Agreement”) between the International Development Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the Multi-Donor Programmatic Trust Fund for Europe and Central Asia Region Capacity Development (ECAPDEV), and Republic of Uzbekistan (the “Recipient”), dated _____, providing the above Grant. For the purposes of Section 3.04 (b) of the Standard Conditions, as defined in the Agreement, any [one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal [and applications for a special commitment] under this Grant.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the World Bank, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the World Bank.

This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank

¹ Instruction to the Recipient when sending this letter to the World Bank: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

² Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

³ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

⁴ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the World Bank.*

by electronic means. In full recognition that the World Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* ("Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC"), the Recipient represents and warrants to the World Bank that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the World Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]

Attachment 3 – Form of Designated Account Reconciliation Statement

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

LOAN/CREDIT/PPF/COFINANCIER NUMBER _____
ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ WITH (BANK) _____

- 1. TOTAL ADVANCED BY WORLD BANK (OR COFINANCIER) US\$/EUR _____
- 2. LESS: TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED BY WORLD BANK - US\$/EUR _____
- 3. EQUALS PRESENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ADVANCED TO
THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT (NUMBER 1 LESS NUMBER 2) - US\$/EUR _____

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- 4. BALANCE OF DESIGNATED ACCOUNT PER ATTACHED BANK
STATEMENT AS OF DATE _____ US\$/EUR _____
 - 5. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IN THIS
APPLICATION NO. _____ + US\$/EUR _____
 - 6. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN AND NOT YET CLAIMED
REASON: _____ + US\$/EUR _____
 - 7. PLUS: AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS
NOT YET CREDITED AT DATE OF BANK STATEMENTS

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

- SUBTOTAL OF PREVIOUS
APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED + US\$/EUR _____
- 8. MINUS: INTEREST EARNED - US\$/EUR _____
- 9. TOTAL ADVANCE ACCOUNTED FOR (NO. 4 THROUGH NO. 9) - US\$/EUR _____

10. EXPLANATION OF ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTALS APPEARING ON LINES 3 AND 9:

11. DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____