Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan Multi-Donor Trust Fund
Grant Agreement

(Strengthening Fiscal Resilience and Business Environment Trust Fund Grant)

between

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority)

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(as Administrator of the Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan Multi-Donor Trust Fund)

Dated November 20th, 2019
PRDP-TF GRANT NUMBER TF0B1405

PALESTINIAN RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND GRANT AGREEMENT

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ("Recipient"), for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority ("Recipient"); and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of the Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan Multi-Donor Trust Fund.

WHEREAS (A) the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of the State of Israel have entered, on September 28, 1995, into an agreement which, among other things, sets out certain interim self-government arrangements in Gaza and the West Bank ("Interim Agreement");

(B) Section 5(b) of Article IX of the Interim Agreement authorizes the Palestine Liberation Organization to conduct negotiations and, in certain cases as described thereunder, sign agreements with states and international organizations for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority;

(C) in December 2007, the Palestinian Authority prepared the Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan ("PRDP") containing a 3-year fiscal framework for 2008-2010 on the basis of which donors committed support at the Paris donor conference held on December 17, 2007. The World Bank assisted in financing the PRDP under four development policy trust fund grant agreements dated June 9, 2008; July 15, 2009; September 30, 2010; and December 6, 2017; respectively;

(D) in May, 2013, the Palestinian Authority formally adopted the National Development Plan for 2014-2016 ("NDP"). The World Bank assisted in financing the NDP under three development policy trust fund grant agreements dated June 18, 2014 and February 25, 2016, respectively.

(E) in December 2016, the Palestinian Authority formally adopted the National Policy Agenda for 2017-2022 ("NPA"). The World Bank has received from the Palestinian Authority a Letter of Development Policy dated October 29, 2018, setting out the Palestinian Authority’s commitments in implementing the NPA ("LDP");

(F) the Palestinian Authority, on behalf of the Recipient, has requested the World Bank to assist in financing the Program under this Fiscal Stability and Business Environment Development Policy Trust Fund Grant Agreement; and

(G) the Administrator has decided to provide this financing to the Recipient on the basis, inter alia, of: (a) the foregoing; (b) the actions which the Recipient has already taken to the satisfaction of the Administrator under the Program and which are described
in Section I of the Schedule to this Agreement; and (c) the Recipient’s maintenance of an appropriate macroeconomic policy framework.

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**  
**Standard Conditions; Definitions**

1.01. The "Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds," dated February 25, 2019 ("Standard Conditions"), with the modifications set forth in Section I of the Appendix to this Agreement, constitute an integral 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 Standard Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

**Article II**  
**The Program**

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end, the Recipient shall:

(a) cause the Palestinian Authority to work towards the implementation of, and carry out, the Program with due diligence and efficiency, and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

(b) cause the Palestinian Authority to exchange, from time to time, views with the Administrator on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, at the request of either party;

(c) prior to each such exchange of views, cause the Palestinian Authority to furnish to the Administrator for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Administrator shall reasonably request;

(d) cause the Palestinian Authority to furnish all information covering the implementation of the Program and the use of proceeds of the Grant as the Administrator shall reasonably request;

(e) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section, cause the Palestinian Authority to promptly inform the Administrator of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program, or any action taken under the
Program, including any of the actions which the Recipient has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I of the Schedule to this Agreement; and

(f) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) of this Section, cause the Palestinian Authority to participate in consultation meetings with the Administrator and the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"), to take place every calendar quarter (or more often, as required, at the reasonable request of the Administrator or the Recipient).

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount not to exceed eight million five hundred forty four thousand six hundred eight United States Dollars ($8,544,608) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Program. The World Bank shall periodically inform the Recipient of such additional contributions by a donor (each a "Supplemental Contribution") and the resulting increase in the amount of the Grant by submitting to the Recipient a notification letter in the format set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement. Following such notification by the Bank to the Recipient, the term "Grant" shall be deemed to include such Supplemental Contribution.

3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of the Schedule to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Additional Remedies

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (i) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following, namely, that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be implemented or carried out.
Article V
Effectiveness; Termination

5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until:

(a) the Administrator is satisfied with the progress achieved by the Recipient in carrying out the Program and with the adequacy of the Recipient’s macroeconomic policy framework; and

(b) evidence satisfactory to the Administrator has been furnished to the Administrator that: (i) the execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental actions; and (ii) the Subsidiary Agreement referred to in Section III of the Schedule to this Agreement has been executed between the Recipient and the Palestinian Authority.

5.02. As part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01 (b), there shall be furnished to the Administrator an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the Administrator of counsel acceptable to the Administrator or, if the Administrator so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the Administrator of a competent official of the Recipient, showing the following matters:

(a) on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms; and

(b) the Subsidiary Agreement referred to in Section III of the Schedule to this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by the Recipient and the Palestinian Authority and is legally binding upon the Recipient and the Palestinian Authority in accordance with its terms.

5.03. Except as the Recipient and the Administrator shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the Administrator dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the Administrator to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the Administrator may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

5.04. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the Administrator, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The Administrator shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.
Article VI
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

6.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is the minister of finance and planning.

6.02. The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance
Palestinian Authority
Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza

Telephone: Facsimile:
970-2-297 8846 970-2-297-8845

6.03. The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Telex: Facsimile:
248423 (MCI) or 1-202-477-6391
64145 (MCI)
AGREED at November 30th, 2019, as of the day and year first above written.

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority)

By

Authorized Representative

Name: H.E. Shukry Rashid
Title: Minister of Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
acting as administrator of the Palestinian Recovery and Development Program Multi-Donor Trust Fund

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Kanishan Shankar
Title: Country Director
SCHEDULE
Program Description

Program Actions; Program Monitoring; Availability of Grant Proceeds

Section I. Actions under the Program

The actions taken by the Recipient under the Program to the satisfaction of the Administrator include the following:

1. The Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) has taken the necessary actions to improve tax collection and operational efficiency, by connecting existing management information systems for domestic and border taxation (RMIS and ASYCUDA), as evidenced by the issuance of official letter No. 5426, from the General Directorate of Revenue to the General Manager of the Revenue IT Department, informing the completion of the merger of RMIS and ASYCUDA.

2. The Recipient’s President has taken the necessary actions to strengthen domestic revenue collection by LGUs by authorizing the Cabinet, in cooperation with the MoFP, to delegate MoFP’s responsibilities to collect property taxes and related penalties to LGUs, as evidenced by the enactment of Law No. 12, dated May 3, 2018, amending the Recipient’s 1954 property tax law.

3. The Cabinet has established strategic and policy oversight mechanisms for institutions in land administration, as evidenced by the adoption of Decision No. 17/229/18 signed by the Prime Minister on November 22, 2018, referring the draft amendments to the Palestine Land Authority Law for approval by the President.

4. The Ministry of Health (MoH) has streamlined the procedures for issuance of business licensing, reflecting the amendments to the Law on Crafts and Industries of 1953, as evidenced by the issuance of: (a) Cabinet decision No. 1 for the year 2018, approving the amendments to the annexes of the Law on Crafts and Industries dated April 3, 2018; and (b) Guidelines and instructions for business licenses, issued by the MoH dated July 25, 2018.

5. The Cabinet has taken the necessary steps to reduce the land registration procedures for businesses, as evidenced by the issuance of Circular No. 6-15 dated February 2, 2017, describing the streamlined procedures necessary for obtaining a purchase permit.

6. The Palestine Monetary Authority Board of Directors (PMA Board) has adopted regulations enabling the establishment of new electronic payments systems, fostering competition and reducing costs, as evidenced by the minutes of the PMA Board meeting signed by the Governor on July 17, 2018, approving regulations for the licensing of payment service providers.
7. The Cabinet has set forth procedural steps to follow before service providers can cut-off electricity following the accumulation of debt, including a grievance mechanism and protection of poor and vulnerable population, as evidenced by the issuance of official instructions dated April 17, 2018, published in the Official Gazette on April 22, 2018, that include the following provisions: (a) specification of exact periods of unpaid bills (30 days to households and 60 to non-households); (b) objections from the consumer to the distributor; (c) instructions on how to file a complaint; (d) instructions on how to reconnect power back to consumers; (e) guidelines on resolving disputes between the consumer and the distributor; and (f) exemptions.

8. The Intra-agency Committee has taken the necessary steps to strengthen payment discipline and improve financial viability of the water sector in the Recipient’s territory, by rescheduling the debt for unpaid water bills owed by LGUs to the MoFP for at least 90 LGUs, as evidenced by: (a) the issuance of an Official Letter signed by the Head of the Intra-agency Committee and dated October 28, 2018 enclosing a report describing the balances of the municipalities after debt rescheduling; and (b) seven debt rescheduling agreements entered between the LGU and the Intra-agency Committee, selected on a sample basis.

9. The MoH has directed its service purchasing unit to plan and implement training and capacity building to make the National Price Reference List (NPRL) tool ready to be used for medical referrals with domestic non-MoH health care providers when negotiating with at least three hospitals, as evidenced by the issuance of Directive No. 32/110/1139/18, dated October 30, 2018.
Section II. Program Monitoring and Reporting

1. The Recipient shall, through the Palestinian Authority, monitor and evaluate the progress of the Program and prepare Program Reports in accordance with the provisions of re-numbered Section 2.05 of the Standard Conditions that set out the progress on the implementation of the Program in accordance with the LDP. Each Program Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the Administrator not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient shall, on request by the Administrator, through the Palestinian Authority, prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of re-numbered Section 2.05 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the Administrator not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date.

Section III. Subsidiary Agreement

1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Program, the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Grant available to the Palestinian Authority under a Subsidiary Agreement between the Recipient and the Palestinian Authority, under terms and conditions approved by the Administrator.

2. The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority: (a) to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Subsidiary Agreement all of the obligations of the Palestinian Authority therein set forth; (b) to take all action, including the provision of funds, facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate for the carrying out of the Program; and (c) not to take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with the carrying out of the Program.

3. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Administrator and to accomplish the purposes of the Grant. Except as the Administrator shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

Section IV. Availability of Grant Proceeds

A. General. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the Administrator may specify by notice to the Recipient.

B. Allocation of Grant Amounts. The Grant shall be withdrawn in a single tranche.
C. **Withdrawal Tranche Release Conditions.** No withdrawal shall be made unless the Administrator is satisfied: (1) with the Program being carried out by the Recipient; and (2) with the adequacy of the Recipient’s macroeconomic policy framework.

D. **Deposit of Grant Amounts.**

Except as the Administrator may otherwise agree:

1. The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority to open, prior to furnishing to the Administrator the request for withdrawal from the Grant Account, and thereafter maintain, a deposit account ("Deposit Account") on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Administrator.

2. The Deposit Account shall be opened by the Palestinian Authority under the bank account of the Ministry of Finance and Planning of the Palestinian Authority ("Central Treasury Account") and shall be used solely for the purposes of carrying out the Program.

3. All withdrawals from the Grant Account shall be deposited by the Administrator into the Deposit Account.

4. The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority to ensure that upon each deposit of a withdrawal from the Grant Account into the Deposit Account, an equivalent amount is accounted for in the Palestinian Authority’s budget management system, in a manner acceptable to the Administrator.

E. **Audit**

The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority to:

1. have the Deposit Account (as defined in Section IV.D of this Schedule) audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Administrator, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Administrator;

2. furnish to the Administrator as soon as available, but in any case, not later than six (6) months after the withdrawal of the proceeds of the Grant, a certified copy of the report of such audit, of such scope and in such detail as the Administrator shall reasonably request, and make such report publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the Administrator; and

3. furnish to the Administrator such other information concerning the Deposit Account and its audit as the Administrator shall reasonably request.
F. Excluded Expenditures

The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority to undertake that the proceeds of the Grant shall not be used to finance Excluded Expenditures. If the Administrator determines at any time that an amount of the Grant was used to make a payment for an Excluded Expenditure, the Recipient shall, promptly upon notice from the Administrator, cause the Palestinian Authority to refund an amount equal to the amount of such payment to the Administrator. Amounts refunded to the Administrator upon such request shall be cancelled.

G. Closing Date

The Closing Date is February 1, 2020.
SCHEDULE 2
Notification Letter on Supplemental Contribution

[Name]
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Palestinian Authority
Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza

Fiscal Stability and Business Environment Trust Fund Grant
PRDP-TF Grant Number TF0A6118
Notification of Supplemental Contribution

Excellency:

We refer to the Grant Agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organization (for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority) ("Recipient") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, "World Bank") acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors ("Donors") under the Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan Multi-Donor Trust Fund ("PRDP-TF") dated April 11, 2008, as amended (the "Grant Agreement").

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank has received [a] Supplemental Contribution[s] to the PRDP-TF. Accordingly, the amount of overall grant funds is increased by an additional [currency in amount in words] ([currency and amount in numbers]) and the amount defined as "Grant" in Section 3.01 of the Grant Agreement shall include [the] Supplemental Contribution[s] and amount to a total of [currency in amount in words] ([currency in amount in numbers]).

All terms defined in the Grant Agreement shall have the same meanings in this Notification letter.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

[Name]
Country Director
West Bank and Gaza
APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. "ASYCUDA" stands for Automated System for Customs Data.

2. "Cabinet" means the members composing the Recipient's government sworn in by the Recipient's President, on June 2, 2014.

3. "Excluded Expenditure" means any expenditure:

   (a) for goods or services supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the World Bank has financed or agreed to finance, or which the World Bank has financed or agreed to finance under another trust fund credit, or trust fund grant;

   (b) for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev.3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986) (the SITC), or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the World Bank by notice to the Recipient:

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(c) for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;

(d) for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws in effect in the parts of the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority or international agreements to which the Recipient or the Palestinian Authority is a party;

(e) in the territories (other than the parts of the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority) of any country which is not a member of the World Bank or for goods procured in, or services supplied from, such territories;

(f) on account of any payment prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and

(g) with respect to which the World Bank determines that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient or the Palestinian Authority or of a beneficiary of a Grant without the Recipient having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.
4. "Governor" means PMA's chairman, HE Mr. Azzam Shawwa, appointed by the Recipient's President through Presidential Decree on November 20, 2015, or any successor thereto.

5. "Intra-agency Committee" means the Committee established by the Recipient's Cabinet's Decision No. 16/174/17/MW/RH dated October 17, 2017 comprising of three representatives from Ministry of Finance and Planning, and one representative each from Ministry of Local Government, Palestinian Water Authority, and Palestinian Energy Regulatory Authority.

6. "Local Government Unit" or "LGU" means local government units, including municipalities, and village councils.

7. "Ministry of Finance and Planning" or "MoFP" mean the Ministry of Finance and Planning of the Palestinian Authority, or any successor thereto.

8. "Ministry of Health" or "MoH" mean the Ministry of Health of the Palestinian Authority, or any successor thereto.

9. "National Price Reference List" or "NPRL" mean a modern health financing tool for standardizing the categories of health services, allowing for comparison of unit costs of services delivered by providers outside the facilities of the Ministry of Health. This tool is also used to bundle similar types of inpatient and outpatient services around an aggregate unit cost that can be used for negotiations with providers through memorandums of understanding or legally binding contracts, as well as for analysis of efficiency across various providers.

10. "Palestine Monetary Authority" or "PMA" mean the Recipient's independent public institution responsible for the formulation and implementation of monetary and banking policies, established under Law No. 2 of 1997.

11. "Palestine Monetary Authority" or "PMA Board" mean PMA's highest decision-making body, as appointed by the Recipient's President.

12. "Palestine Land Authority" means the Recipient's authority surveying land adjudication, registration and other transactions related to immoveable property.


14. "Palestinian Water Authority" means the Recipient's Palestinian Water Authority, or any successor thereto.
15. "Program" means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reductions in poverty, as set forth or referred to in the NDP and outlined in the LDP, declaring the Recipient’s commitment to the implementation and execution of the Program and requesting assistance from the World Bank in support of the Program during its execution.

16. "RMIS" stands for Revenue Management Information System.

17. "Signature Date" means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Administrator signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to "the date of the Grant Agreement" in the Standard Conditions.

18. "Subsidiary Agreement" means the agreement referred to in Section III of the Schedule to this Agreement pursuant to which the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Grant available to the Palestinian Authority.

Section II. Modifications to the Standard Conditions

The Standard Conditions are modified as follows:

1. Sections 2.01 (Project Execution Generally) and 2.07 (Financial Management; Financial Statements; Audits) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article II are renumbered accordingly.

2. Paragraph (a) of Section 2.03 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 1 above and relating to Use of Goods, Works and Services) is deleted in its entirety.

3. Paragraph (c) of Section 2.04 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 1 above) is modified to read as follows:

   "Section 2.04. (Documents; Records). The Recipient shall ensure that:

   ... (c) all records evidencing expenditures under the Grant are retained until two years after the Closing Date;"

4. Paragraph (b)(ii) of Section 2.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 1 above) is modified to read as follows:

   "Section 2.05. (Program Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation). The Recipient shall:

   ... (b)(ii) ensure the preparation and delivery to the World Bank, not later than the date specified for that purpose in the Grant Agreement, one or more completion reports ("Completion Reports") of such scope and in such detail as the World Bank shall reasonably request, on the execution
of the Program, the performance by the Recipient and the World Bank of their respective obligations under the Grant Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Grant."

5. Section 2.07. (Visits) (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 1 above) is modified to read as follows:

"Section 2.07. Visits. The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the Program and for a period of ten (10) years thereafter:

(a) enable representatives of the World Bank and the IMF to visit any part of the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority for purposes related to the Grant; and

(b) enable the World Bank’s representatives and the IMF’s representatives: (i) to visit any facilities and sites included in the Program; and (ii) to examine any documents relevant to the performance of its obligations under the Grant Agreement."

6. The last sentence of paragraph (c) of Section 3.04 (Applications; Supporting Evidence) is deleted in its entirety.

7. Sections 3.05 (Designated Accounts) and 3.06 (Eligible Expenditures) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article III are renumbered accordingly.

8. Sub-section (a) of Section 3.05 (Financing Taxes) (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 7 above) is modified to read as follows:

"Section 3.05. Financing Taxes.

(a) The Grant Agreement may specify that the proceeds of the Grant may not be withdrawn to pay for Taxes levied by, or in the parts of West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority on or in respect of Eligible Expenditures, or on their importation, manufacture, procurement or supply. In such case, if the amount of any such Taxes decreases or increases, the World Bank may, by notice to the Recipient, adjust the percentage of such Eligible Expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant specified in the Grant Agreement, as required to ensure consistency with such limitation on withdrawals."

9. Sub-sections (a) and (h) of Section 4.02 are deleted, and consequently, Sub-sections (b) through (k) are re-lettered as Sub-sections (a) through (i).
10. Re-lettered Sub-section (b) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Fraud and Corruption. At any time, the World Bank determines that any representative of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any other recipient of any of the proceeds of the Grant) has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of the Grant, without the Recipient (or any such agency thereof or any such entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority or any other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur."

11. Re-lettered Sub-section (c) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) Cross Suspension. IBRD or IDA has suspended in whole or in part the right of the Recipient or any agency thereof, or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, to make withdrawals under any agreement with IBRD or with IDA because of a failure by the Recipient, or any agency thereof, or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, to perform any of its obligations under such agreement or any other agreement with IBRD or IDA."

12. Re-lettered Sub-section (f) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

"(f) Assignment of Obligations; Disposition of Assets. The Recipient or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Program has, without the consent of the World Bank: (i) assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement; or (ii) sold, leased, transferred, assigned, or otherwise disposed of any property or assets financed wholly or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to transactions in the ordinary course of business which, in the opinion of the World Bank: (A) do not materially and adversely affect the ability of the Recipient (or such other entity) to perform any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement or to achieve the objectives of the Program; and (B) do not materially and adversely affect the financial condition or operation of the Recipient (or such other entity)."

13. Re-lettered Sub-section (g) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

"(g) Condition of Recipient. If the Grant has been made to a Recipient which is not a member of IBRD:
(i) Any action has been taken for the dissolution, disestablishment or suspension of operations of the Recipient (or of any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Program).

(ii) The Recipient (or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Program) has ceased to exist in the same legal form as that prevailing as of the date of the Grant Agreement.

(iii) In the opinion of the World Bank, the legal character, ownership or control of the Recipient (or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Program) has changed from that prevailing as of the date of the Grant Agreement so as to materially and adversely affect the ability of the Recipient (or such other entity) to perform any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement, or to achieve the objectives of the Program.”

14. Re-lettered Sub-section (h) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(h) Ineligibility. IBRD or IDA has declared the Recipient ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by IBRD or IDA, as a result of: (i) a determination by IBRD or IDA that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA; and/or (ii) a declaration by another financier that the Recipient is ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by such financier or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by such financier as a result of a determination by such financier that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of any financing made by such financier.”

15. Sub-section (c) of Section 4.03 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) Fraud and Corruption. At any time, the World Bank determines, with respect to any amount of the proceeds of the Grant, that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant) without the Recipient (or any such agency thereof or any such entity in the West Bank and Gaza
under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any such other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur."

16. Sub-section (a) of Section 4.05 is amended to read as follows:

“(a) If the World Bank determines that an amount of the Grant has been used in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Grant Agreement or these Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon notice by the World Bank to the Recipient, promptly refund such amount to the World Bank. Such inconsistent use shall include, without limitation:

(i) use of such amount to make a payment for an expenditure that is not an Eligible Expenditure; or

(ii) (A) engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in connection with the use of such amount, or (B) use of such amount to finance a contract during the procurement or execution of which such practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or other recipient of such amount of the Grant), in either case without the Recipient (or such agency thereof or such entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.”

17. Sub-section (j) of Section 5.03 is amended to read as follows:

“(j) If, within thirty (30) days after counterparts of the award have been delivered to the parties, the award has not been complied with, any party may: (i) enter judgment upon, or institute a proceeding to enforce, the award in any court of competent jurisdiction against any other party; (ii) enforce such judgment by execution; or (iii) pursue any other appropriate remedy against such other party for the enforcement of the award and the provisions of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not authorize any entry of judgment or enforcement of the award against the Recipient except as such procedure may be available otherwise than by reason of the provisions of this Section.”

18. Paragraph (17) of the Appendix is deleted and, consequently, paragraphs (18) through (26) are re-numbered as paragraphs (17) through (25).
19. The following terms and definitions set forth in the Appendix to the Standard Conditions are modified or deleted as follows, and the following new terms and definitions are added in alphabetical order to the Appendix to the Standard Conditions as follows, with the terms being renumbered accordingly:

(a) The definition of the term “Eligible Expenditure” is modified to read as follows:

“Eligible Expenditures” means any use to which the Grant is put in support of the Program other than to finance expenditures excluded pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

(b) The term “Financial Statements” and its definition as set forth in the Appendix to the Standard Conditions are deleted in their entirety.

(c) The term “Project” is modified to read “Program” and its definition is modified to read as follows:

“Program” means the program referred to in the Grant Agreement in support of which the Grant is made.” All references to “Project” throughout these Standard Conditions are deemed to be references to “Program”.

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