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**CREDIT NUMBER 7295-UZ**

# **Financing Agreement**

**(Second Livestock Sector Development Project)**

**between**

**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

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**FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN (“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 the amount of one hundred fifty million Dollars (\$150,000,000) (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 the greater of: (a) the sum of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge; and (b) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.05. The Interest Charge is the greater of: (a) the sum of one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge; and (b) zero percent (0%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.06. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.07. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

- 2.08. 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 through the MOA, through the CVLD, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following: the CVLD Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed, or waived so as to affect, materially and adversely, in the opinion of the Association, the ability of the Recipient to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of the following: the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

### **ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION**

- 5.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
- (a) The Loan Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.
  - (b) The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, has established a Project Implementation Unit in accordance with Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
  - (c) The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, has adopted the Project Operations Manual in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.

### **ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Economy and Finance.
- 6.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions: (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Economy and Finance  
29, Istiklol St.  
Tashkent, 100017  
Republic of Uzbekistan; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:  
(998-71) 233-7073  
(998-71) 239-1259

6.03. 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:

Telex:	Facsimile:
248423 (MCI)	1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

**By**

*Sherzod Kudbiyev*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Sherzod Kudbiyev

**Title:** Minister

**Date:** 01-Jun-2023

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**By**

*Marco Mantovanelli*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Marco Mantovanelli

**Title:** Country Manager

**Date:** 29-May-2023

## SCHEDULE 1

### Project Description

The objective of the Project is to support the development of a productive, market-oriented, sustainable, and inclusive livestock subsector in Uzbekistan.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### 1. Strengthen public livestock support services

Improve the capacity of public institutions involved in providing livestock support services, through:

- 1.1 improvement of the policy and legal framework of the livestock subsector, through:
  - (a) review and update of existing policies, legislation, regulations, standards, and organizational structures; and
  - (b) review, formulation, and implementation of policies and legislation to build capacity in mainstreaming climate change into the policy and legislation formulation processes, and to raise awareness, and implement the One Health approach;
- 1.2 improvement of the CVLD's management and service delivery capacity, through:
  - (a) development of systems, including *inter alia* a veterinary information system;
  - (b) rehabilitation and refurbishment of office and laboratory buildings; acquisition of equipment and vehicles; and
  - (c) capacity building on selected priority development areas;
- 1.3 strengthening of public livestock extension and advisory services provided by the CVLD and other public institutions, through:
  - (a) carrying out a needs assessment of the CVLD;
  - (b) rehabilitation and refurbishment of office and laboratory buildings of selected public institutions; acquisition of equipment, farm machinery, and vehicles;

- (c) capacity building of selected extension staff, farmers, and agribusinesses personnel on key aspects of climate-smart agriculture and sustainable livestock production;
- (d) development of materials: (i) on extension, including *inter alia* brochures, posters, and leaflets; and (ii) documenting best practices targeted to *dehkans* farms;
- (e) carrying out capacity building on, including demonstration of, improved technologies and scaling up best practices to *dehkans* and commercial farmers; and
- (f) development and implementation of a public education campaign on diet- appropriate nutrition and food preparation practices that are also climate resilient; and

1.4 strengthening of public institutions involved in livestock research and development, through:

- (a) construction or rehabilitation and refurbishment of office and laboratory buildings, greenhouses and lathhouses; acquisition of equipment and vehicles; and
- (b) capacity building on the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of climate-smart, demand driven and inclusive research and development programs.

## **2. Strengthen market and value addition infrastructure and facilitate trade**

Improve market access and enhance import control, through:

2.1 improvement of market access for livestock farmers, processors, and other value chain actors, especially *dehkan* farmers, through:

- (a) establishment and/or strengthening of livestock market and value-addition facilities, including:
- (b) capacity building of livestock producers, traders, and staff of public institutions involved in livestock marketing, on the development of vertical and horizontal integration and coordination among livestock value chain actors for production, processing, marketing, and input supplies through productive partnerships;

- (c) development of vertical and horizontal coordination among value chain actors for production, processing, marketing, and input supplies; and
- (d) establishment of livestock market information systems;

2.2 strengthening of border security and quarantine, through:

- (a) development of a comprehensive, integrated, and climate-smart border control strategy;
- (b) construction, rehabilitation, and refurbishing of border inspection posts;
- (c) establishment of on-farm quarantine stations; and
- (d) establishment of cross-border collaboration on animal movements and control; and

2.3 developing and implementing an animal identification, registration, and traceability system, through:

- (a) acquisition of information and communications technology equipment, software, and field equipment, including vehicles;
- (b) coordination with relevant national and regional institutions and local authorities; preparation and carrying out a cattle census and a holding census;
- (c) support for drafting relevant legislation and regulations;
- (d) capacity building on operationalization of the animal identification, registration, and traceability system; and
- (e) preparation and carrying out of a communication plan.

**3. Promote green and resilient livestock value chains**

Achieve climate-smart, sustainable, and more resilient livestock value chains through:

- 3.1 improving access to finance of livestock producers for investments that strengthen on-farm climate resilience and provide climate change co-benefits, through:



- (a) provision of financing to commercial farmers, agribusinesses, productive partnerships, and other value chain actors; and investments implementation capacity building; and
  - (b) provision of financing to *dehkan* farmers; and investments implementation capacity building; and
- 3.2 capacity building of PFIs' staff on innovative financing instruments, including digital financial services and value chain financing modalities for livestock farmers and agribusiness enterprises, and on integrating climate change measures in financing programs.

#### **4. Project management and coordination**

Provide support for Project implementation, including *inter alia*: (a) administrative, social, and environmental management, financial management, procurement, contract administration, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation activities; (b) capacity building of the PIU and the RPIUs; and (c) carrying out of baseline and completion surveys, assessments, data collection, and annual audits.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Project Execution**

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

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

1. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall establish and maintain throughout Project implementation a Project Implementation Unit and, not later than one hundred twenty days (120) after the Effective Date, Regional Project Implementation Units with a structure, functions, responsibilities, and adequate staff, all as further described in the POM and acceptable to the Association, for the purposes of day-to-day Project management, monitoring, evaluation, and supervision.
2. Not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, the Recipient, through the MOA, shall establish and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, the Steering Committee acceptable to the Association, with a structure, functions, and responsibilities, including the responsibility to provide strategic guidance on Project implementation and ensure coordination among Project stakeholders, as set forth in the POM.
3. Not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall establish and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation a Technical Committee acceptable to the Association, with a structure, functions, and responsibilities, including the responsibility to provide technical advice to the PIU and RPIUs on the quality of plans, implementation reports, special studies, guidelines, and documentation of best practices, as set forth in the POM.
4. Not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall carry out an Infrastructure and Human Capacity Needs Assessment in accordance terms of reference acceptable to the Association.
5. Not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall prepare an Investment Plan detailing infrastructure and capacity building needs of the CVLD and public institutions that will be beneficiaries of Project activities under Parts 1.3 and 1.4 of the Project, in accordance terms of reference acceptable to the Association.
6. For the purposes of implementation of Part 1.3 of the Project, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall ensure coordination with the MOH, as relevant, on technical aspects of Project implementation.

7. Not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall update the existing accounting software for Project accounting and reporting in a manner acceptable to the Association.

**B. Project Operations Manual**

1. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall prepare and adopt an operations manual (“Project Operations Manual” or “POM”), in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which shall contain detailed workflow, methods, and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including but not limited to: (i) administration and coordination arrangements; (ii) performance indicators of the Project; (iii) monitoring and evaluation methods; (iv) financial management guidelines and procedures; (v) corruption and fraud measures; (vi) implementation modalities for each Part of the Project; and (vii) roles and responsibilities of various agencies and stakeholders in the implementation of the Project.
2. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Operations Manual. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive any provision of the Project Operations Manual. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Operations Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**C. Credit Line Guidelines**

1. For the purposes of carrying out Part 3.1 of the Project, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall prepare and adopt an operations manual (“Credit Line Guidelines” or “CLGs”), in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which shall contain the criteria, eligible activities, detailed withdrawal procedures and stakeholders’ responsibilities for activities under Part 3.1 of the Project.
2. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall carry out Part 3.1 of the Project in accordance with the Credit Line Guidelines. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive any provision of the Credit Line Guidelines. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Credit Line Guidelines and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**D. Subsidiary Loan Agreements**

1. To facilitate the carrying out of Part 3.1 of the Project, the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall make part of the proceeds of the Financing available to each PFI (“Subsidiary Loan”) under a Subsidiary Loan Agreement

between the Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, and the respective PFI, in accordance with the Credit Line Guidelines, under terms and conditions approved by the Association, which shall include:

- (a) the obligation that each PFI makes Sub-Loans to Beneficiaries under Part 3.1 of the Project in accordance with Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, the Anti-Corruption Guidelines, the ESS, and the ESCP; and
  - (b) the obligation that each PFI is responsible for monitoring Sub-project implementation and ensuring compliance by Beneficiaries with any applicable laws and regulations on child and forced labor. In case of established non-compliance with laws and regulations on child and forced labor by a Beneficiary utilizing a Sub-Loan, said Sub-Loan shall be refunded to the Recipient, through the CVLD, and such a Beneficiary shall be barred from further borrowings under Part 3.1 of the Project, and the respective PFI shall be disqualified from providing further Sub-Loans under Part 3.1 of the Project.
2. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall exercise its rights under a Subsidiary Loan Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive a Subsidiary Loan Agreement or any of its provisions.

**E. Sub-Loan Agreements**

- 1. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall cause each PFI to make Sub-Loans to Beneficiaries in accordance with the Credit Line Guidelines.
- 2. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall cause each PFI to make each Sub-Loan under a Sub-Loan Agreement with the respective Beneficiary on terms and conditions approved by the Association, which shall include the following:
  - (a) The PFI shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the Association, including the right to:
    - (i) suspend or terminate the right of the Beneficiary to use the proceeds of the Sub-Loan, or declare to be immediately due and payable all or any part of the amount of the Sub-Loan then withdrawn, upon the Beneficiary's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Sub-Loan Agreement; and
    - (ii) require each Beneficiary to:

- (A) carry out its Sub-project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental, and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of loan proceeds other than the Recipient;
  - (B) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose;
  - (C) procure the goods, works and services to be financed out of the Sub-Loan in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;
  - (D) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association, the progress of the Sub-project and the achievement of its objectives;
  - (E) (1) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Sub-project; and (2) at the Association's or the Recipient's request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the Association;
  - (F) enable the Recipient and the Association to inspect the Sub-project, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and
  - (G) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association all such information as the Recipient or the Association shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.
3. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall cause each PFI to ensure that the activities to be financed from a Sub-Loan do not include any land acquisition, displacement of people, and construction of new or rehabilitation of existing dams.
4. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall cause each PFI to exercise its rights under each Sub-Loan Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Credit. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient,

through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall cause each PFI to not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive any Sub-Loan Agreement or any of its provisions.

**F. Environmental and Social Standards**

1. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall, and shall cause each PFI to, 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, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall, and shall cause each PFI to, 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, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall, and shall cause each PFI to, ensure that:
  - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, as 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, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall, and shall cause each PFI to, 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, through the MOA, through the CVLD, 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.
  - 6. The Recipient, through the MOA, through the CVLD, shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, subcontractors, and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

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

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than one (1) month 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 finance Eligible Expenditures; 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 USD)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (exclusive of Taxes other than Withheld Taxes)</b>
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under the Project (excluding Sub-Loans under Part 3.1 of the Project)	80,000,000	100%
(2) Sub-Loans under Part 3.1 of the Project	70,000,000	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	150,000,000	

**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:
  - (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; or
  - (b) under Category (2) unless:
    - (i) the Credit Line Guidelines have been prepared in accordance with Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and adopted in a manner acceptable to the Association; and
    - (ii) at least one Subsidiary Loan Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness have been fulfilled.
2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2028.



**SCHEDULE 3**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each March 15 and September 15:	
commencing September 15, 2028 to and including March 15, 2048	<b>1.65%</b>
commencing September 15, 2048 to and including March 15, 2053	<b>3.40%</b>

\* 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. “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.
2. “Association” means the International Development Association.
3. “Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
4. “Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge” means the Association’s standard basis adjustment to the Interest Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
5. “Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge” means the Association’s standard basis adjustment to the Service Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association and expressed as a percentage per annum.
6. “Beneficiary” means an individual or a micro, small or medium size enterprise duly established and selected by a PFI in accordance to the Credit Line Guidelines to receive a Sub-Loan for the carrying out of a Sub-Project; and “Beneficiaries” means, collectively, all such Beneficiary.
7. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
8. “Credit Line Guidelines” means the manual referred to under Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
9. “CVLD” means the Recipient’s Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development, an agency established pursuant to the CVLD Legislation (as defined hereinafter), or its successor thereof.
10. “CVLD Legislation” means the Decrees of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Nos. UP-5696, dated March 28, 2019, establishing the CVLD; PP-4254, dated March 28, 2019 on the organization of the activities of the State Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development; and UP-269, dated

December 21, 2022 on administrative reforms and transfer of the State Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development under the MOA.

11. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated March 15, 2023, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, which sets out the material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any environmental and social instruments to be prepared thereunder.
12. “Environmental and Social Standards” or “ESSs” 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 African 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.
13. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022).
14. “Infrastructure and Human Capacity Needs Assessment” means the assessment referred to under Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
15. “Investment Plan” means the plan referred to under Section I.A.5 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
16. “Loan Agreement” means the loan agreement for the Project between the Recipient and the Bank, dated the same date as this Agreement, as such loan agreement may be amended from time to time. “Loan Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules, and agreements supplemental to the Loan Agreement.
17. “MEF” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Economy and Finance, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.

18. “MOA” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
19. “MOH” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Health, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
20. “One Health” is a collaborative approach that explicitly combines human, animal and ecosystem health to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from infectious diseases, with an endpoint of improving global health security and achieving and sustaining gains in development.
21. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the Association, for the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, consisting of vehicle operation and maintenance, communication and insurance costs, banking charges, rental expenses, office (and office equipment) maintenance, utilities, document duplication/printing, consumables, travel cost and per diem for Project staff for travel linked to the implementation of the Project, and salaries of contractual staff for the Project (but excluding consulting services and salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service).
22. “PFI” means a commercial bank in the Recipient’s territory selected by the Recipient in accordance to the Credit Line Guidelines to receive a Subsidiary Loan; and “PFIs” means, collectively, all such PFI.
23. “PIU” or “Project Implementation Unit” means the unit referred to under Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
24. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
25. “Project Implementing Entity” means the CVLD.
26. “Project Operations Manual” means the manual referred to under Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
27. “RPIU” or “Regional Project Implementation Unit” means any of the units referred to under Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and “RPIUs” means, collectively, all such RPIU.
28. “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.
29. “Steering Committee” means the committee referred to under Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

30. “Sub-Loan” means a loan made out of the proceeds of the Credit from PFIs to Beneficiaries, to finance a Sub-Project under Part 3.1 of the Project in accordance with Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the Credit Line Guidelines; and “Sub-Loans” means, collectively, all such Sub-Loan.
31. “Sub-Loan Agreement” means any of the agreements referred to under Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
32. “Sub-Project” means any of the investments referred to under Part 3.1 of the Project.
33. “Subsidiary Loan” means a loan made out of the proceeds of the Credit to PFIs, to provide financing to a Beneficiary to finance a Sub-Project under Part 3.1 of the Project in accordance with Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the Credit Line Guidelines.
34. “Subsidiary Loan Agreement” means any of the agreements referred to under Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
35. “Technical Committee” means the committee referred to under Section I.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
36. “Training” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the Association, for training conducted under the Project, including tuition, travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, speakers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to training course preparation and implementation (but excluding goods and consulting services).
37. “Uzbekistan” means the Recipient’s territory.
38. “Withheld Taxes” means the following taxes withheld at source: taxes for social charges; income taxes for residents and non-residents; and custom registrations duties withheld at the source.