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Mr. Abdusalom Qurboniyon  
Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Dushanbe  
Republic of Tajikistan

Dear Mr. Qurboniyon,

*Re: Republic of Tajikistan:  
Preparation of Proposed Strengthening Critical Infrastructure Against Natural Hazards Project  
Preparation Advance No. IDA V0220-TJ  
Amendment to Advance Agreement*

We refer to the Advance Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the International Development Association (“World Bank”) and the Republic of Tajikistan (“Recipient”) dated May 5, 2016, and your letter dated March 30, 2017, requesting additional Advance and amendment to the Agreement.

We are happy to inform you that the World Bank agrees to your request and therefore, proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Tajikistan (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association (“World Bank”) proposes to extend to the Recipient an advance out of the World Bank’s Project Preparation Facility in an amount not to exceed six million Dollars (\$6,000,000) (“Advance”) on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement (“Agreement”), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in financing the activities described in the Annex (“Activities”). The objective of the Activities is to facilitate the preparation of a proposed project designed to enhance the resilience of the Recipient’s critical infrastructure against natural hazards and to strengthen the Recipient’s capacity in disaster risk management (“Project”), in support of which the Recipient has requested the World Bank’s financial assistance.”

2. Section 2.01 of the Annex to the Agreement, is amended to read as follows:

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

- (a) Provision of advisory services:
  - (i) for the preparation of studies on the technical feasibility of, and designs for, bridges, flood management

infrastructure, and crises management buildings and equipment, in support of strengthening the Recipient's disaster risk management capacity, and making the Recipient's critical infrastructure resilient against natural hazards and;

(ii) for the preparation of economic analyses, environmental and social assessments, and a resettlement policy framework, and other technical studies that are needed in support of strengthening the Recipient's disaster risk management capacity, and making its critical infrastructure resilient against natural hazards; and

(iii) in support of project management related work to be carried out by the Recipient's Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transport, the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation, and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (or any successor or successors thereto), including, specifically, in the areas of procurement and financial management.

(b) Procurement of specialized machinery:

procurement of heavy specialized machinery to prepare for emergency response and maintenance of critical infrastructure assets.

(c) Carrying out of audits in accordance with Section 2.05 of this Agreement.”

3. Section 2.03 of the Annex to the Agreement, is amended to read as follows:

“2.03 **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** The Recipient's Ministry of Finance, through its Project Implementation Unit, shall: (a) coordinate with other relevant Recipient ministries and agencies in carrying out the Activities; and (b) ensure, in particular, that the Recipient's Ministry of Transport, the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation, and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense provide necessary inputs in matters related to their areas of responsibility, including in the preparation and/or clearance of terms of reference for, and in the selection of, providers of advisory services financed out of the proceeds of this Advance.”

4. Section 3.01 of the Annex to the Agreement, is amended to read as follows:

“3.01 **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Advance in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such

instructions), to finance 100% of Eligible Expenditures consisting of goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services (including audit), Training, Study Tours, Workshops and Operating Costs (exclusive of value added tax, and customs duties and fees).

For the purposes of this paragraph the terms:

“Operating Costs” means incremental operating costs incurred by the Project Implementing Entity on account of Project preparation implementation, management, monitoring and coordination, including office consumables, office equipment maintenance and repair, local travel, operation and maintenance of vehicles (including fuel and/or insurance), communication, translation and interpretation, bank charges, printing, publications and advertisements (electronic and/or paper), and other miscellaneous costs of similar nature directly associated with the Project, all in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank; and

“Training, Study Tours and Workshops” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World Bank, for training, study tours and workshops conducted under the Project preparation, including travel and subsistence costs for training and workshop participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers and workshop speakers, rental of training and workshop facilities, preparation and reproduction of training and workshop materials, and other costs directly related to training course and workshop preparation and implementation (but excluding goods and consultants services).”

All other provisions of the Agreement that have not been amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendments by signing, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Amendment Letter. This Amendment Letter shall be executed in two counterparts, each of which shall be an original. This Amendment Letter shall become effective as of the date of countersignature, upon receipt by the World Bank of the countersigned original of this Amendment Letter.

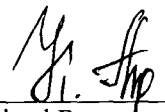
Sincerely,  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



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Regional Director  
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Agreed:

**REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

By:   
Authorized Representative

Name: Abdusalom Qurboniyon

Title: Minister of Finance

Date: April 17, 2017