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Minister of Economy and Finance
Ministry of Economy and Finance
Maputo
Republic of Mozambique

Re: Republic of Mozambique: Advance Agreement for the Preparation
of the Proposed Agriculture and Natural Resources Landscape
Management Project
Project Preparation Advance No. Q990

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Mozambique ("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 three million seven hundred forty thousand one hundred Dollars (\$3,740,100) ("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 improve rural income through value addition to natural resource-based sectors and rural value chains ("Project"), for the carrying out of which the Recipient has requested the World Bank's financial assistance.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that: (a) it understands that the provision of the Advance does not constitute or imply any commitment on the part of IBRD or IDA to assist in financing the Project; and (b) it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Activities, repay the Advance and perform its other obligations under this Agreement, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Please confirm the Recipient's agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this

Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received this countersigned copy within ninety (90) days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank has established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Mark R. Lundell
Mark R. Lundell
Country Director for Mozambique
Africa Region

AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

By: [Signature]
Authorized Representative

Name: Adriano Maleiane

Title: Minister

Date: 29.10.2015

Enclosures:

- (1) "Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility", dated July 31, 2010.
- (2) Disbursement Letter for the Advance of the same date as this Agreement, together with "World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects", dated May 1, 2006.
- (3) Guidelines for "Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers", dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014.
- (4) Guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers", dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014.
- (5) 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.

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility dated July 31, 2010 (“Standard Conditions”) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement; and the following additional terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) “MASA” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture and food security.

(b) “MITADER” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for land, environment and rural development.

(c) “Operating Costs” means the reasonable expenditures incurred by the Recipient to finance the Activities, including office supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, communication and printing services, insurance costs, banking charges, rental expenses, office and office equipment maintenance, utilities, document duplication/printing, consumables, travel costs and *per diem* for Recipient staff for travel linked to the implementation of the Activities, and salaries of contractual staff for the Activities (but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service.

(d) “PMU” and “Project Management Unit”, each means the management unit within MITADER created pursuant to the Recipient letter dated July 3, 2015.

(e) “Training” means the reasonable costs associated with training and workshops participation under the Activities, consisting of travel and subsistence costs for training participants, cost (other than consulting services) associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to course or workshops preparation and implementation.

Article II
Execution of the Activities

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

(a) Setting up the Project steering committee.

(b) Setting up a coordination unit for the Project through the provision of: (i) goods, including office and IT equipment; and (ii) consultant services.

(c) Carrying out of technical studies necessary for Project implementation, including, *inter alia*, the preparation of the Project implementation manual and the Project safeguard documents.

(d) Carrying out of capacity building activities, including training relating to safeguards and areas of Project interventions such as value chains and business development for staff of the Project's coordination unit, the Recipient's ministry of land, environment and rural development, the Recipient's ministry of agriculture and food security and other relevant stakeholders.

(e) Provision of Operating Costs for the purpose of Project preparation.

2.02. **Execution of the Activities Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Activities. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Activities through MITADER and MASA in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Article II; and (c) 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.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.02 above, the Recipient shall maintain, throughout the Refinancing Date, the PMU with functions, staffing and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to be responsible for overall coordination and day-to-day management of the Activities, including procurement and financial management.

2.04. **Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of the Activities.** The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.08 of the Standard Conditions.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim un-audited financial reports for the Activities are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2.09 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal under the Advance was made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

(i) If, on or before the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, the Recipient shall have the Financial Statements included in the first audit of financial statements required under the Refinancing Agreement.

(ii) If, by the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of the Advance, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal under the Advance was made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of the Recipient's fiscal year in which the Refinancing Date occurs.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section, the World Bank may request an audit of the Financial Statements prior to the Refinancing Date, covering such period as is indicated in its request. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

2.06. ***Procurement***

(a) General. All goods, non-consulting services and consultants' services required for the Activities and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

(i) Section I of the "Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014 ("Procurement Guidelines"), in the case of goods and non-consulting services;

(ii) Sections I and IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines") in the case of consultants' services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Activities in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines ("Procurement Plan").

(b) Definitions. The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Non-consulting Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts specified

in the Procurement Plan: (A) National Competitive Bidding (NBC), subject to additional procedures listed in paragraph (iii) below; (B) Shopping; and (C) Direct Contracting.

(iii) Additional Procedures for National Competitive Bidding

(A) **General**

The procedures to be followed for NCB shall be those set forth in the “Regulamento de Contratação de Empreitada de Obras Públicas, Fornecimento de Bens e Prestação de Serviços ao Estado” of the Republic of Mozambique dated May 24, 2010 (the “Regulation”), as per Decree No. 15/2010, with the modifications described in the following paragraphs.

(B) **Eligibility**

No restriction based on nationality of bidders and/or origin of goods shall apply. Foreign bidders shall be allowed to participate in NCB without restriction and shall not be subject to any unjustified requirement which will affect their ability to participate in the bidding process such as, but not limited to, the proof that they are not under bankruptcy proceedings in the Recipient’s territory; have a local representative; have an attorney resident and domiciled in the Recipient’s territory; form a joint venture with a local firm. In cases of joint ventures, they shall confirm joint and several liability.

Prior registration, obtaining a license or agreement shall not be a requirement for any bidder to participate in the bidding process.

Recipient’s government-owned enterprises or institutions shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process only if they can establish that they are legally and financially autonomous, operate under commercial law, and are not dependent agencies of the Recipient.

(C) **Bidding Documents**

Standard bidding documents acceptable to the World Bank shall be used for any procurement process under NCB.

(D) **Preferences**

No domestic preference shall be given for domestic bidders and/or for domestically manufactured goods.

(E) **Applicable Procurement Method under the Regulation**

Subject to these NCB exceptions, procurement under NCB shall be carried out in accordance with the Regulation’s public competition (*Concurso Público*) method.

(F) Bid Preparation Time

Bidders shall be given at least twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of bidding documents, whichever is later, to prepare and submit bids.

(G) Bid Opening

Bids shall be opened in public, immediately after the deadline for their submission in accordance with the procedures stated in the bidding documents.

(H) Bid Evaluation

(i) Qualification criteria shall be clearly specified in the bidding documents, and all criteria so specified, and only such criteria so specified shall be used to determine whether a bidder is qualified; the evaluation of the bidder's qualifications should be conducted separately from the technical and commercial evaluation of the bid. Qualification criteria shall be applied on a pass or fail basis.

(ii) Evaluation of bids shall be made in strict adherence to the criteria declared in the bidding documents; criteria other than price shall be quantified in monetary terms.

(iii) A contract shall be awarded to the qualified bidder offering the lowest-evaluated and substantially responsive bid.

(iv) Bidders shall not be eliminated on the basis of minor, non-substantial deviations.

(I) Rejection of All Bids and Re-bidding

All bids shall not be rejected and new bids solicited without the World Bank's prior concurrence.

(J) Complaints by Bidders and Handling of Complaints

The Recipient shall establish an effective and independent complaint mechanism allowing bidders to complain and to have their complaint handled in a timely manner.

(K) Right to Inspect/Audit

In accordance with paragraph 1.16(e) of the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract financed from the proceeds of the Advance shall provide that: (i) the bidders, suppliers, and contractors and their subcontractors, agents, personnel, consultants, service providers or suppliers, shall permit the World Bank, at its request, to inspect their accounts, records and other documents relating to the submission of bids and contract performance, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the World Bank; and (ii) the deliberate and material violation by the bidder, supplier, contractor or subcontractor of such provision may amount to obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.16(a)(v) of the Procurement Guidelines.

(I) **Fraud and Corruption**

Each bidding document and contract financed from the proceeds of the Advance shall include provisions on matters pertaining to fraud and corruption as defined in paragraph 1.16(a) of the Procurement Guidelines. The World Bank may sanction a firm or individual, at any time, in accordance with prevailing World Bank sanctions procedures, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a World Bank-financed contract; and (ii) to be a nominated sub-contractor, consultant, supplier or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a World Bank-financed contract.

(M) **Debarment under National System**

The World Bank may recognize, if requested by the Recipient, exclusion from participation as a result of debarment under the national system, provided that the debarment is for offenses involving fraud, corruption or similar misconduct, and further provided that the World Bank confirms that the particular debarment procedure afforded due process and the debarment decision is final.

(d) Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods may be used for the procurement of consultants' services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Least Cost Selection; (B) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (C) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (D) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (E) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions. The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

**Article III
Withdrawal of the Advance**

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 Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies each category of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance ("Category"), the amount of the Advance allocated to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Advance Allocated (expressed in Dollars)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Operating Costs and Training under the Activities	3,740,100	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	3,740,100	

3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. **Refinancing Date.** The Refinancing Date is December 31, 2016.

Article IV Terms of the Advance

4.01. **Service Charge.** The Recipient shall pay a service charge on the Withdrawn Advance Balance at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum. The service charge shall accrue from the respective dates on which amounts of the Advance are withdrawn and shall be paid in arrears in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 of this Agreement. Service charges shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

4.02. **Repayment.** The Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be repaid by the Recipient to the World Bank (together with any service charges accrued thereon) in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Standard Conditions and the following provisions:

(a) **Refinancing under the Refinancing Agreement:** If, on or before the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, then the full amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be repaid to the World Bank (together with any service charges accrued on the Advance to the date of repayment) as soon as the Refinancing Agreement becomes effective, by means of a withdrawal by the World Bank of an amount of the Refinancing Proceeds equivalent to the Withdrawn Advance Balance plus such service charges, in accordance with the provisions of the Refinancing Agreement.

(b) **Repayment in the absence of a Refinancing Agreement:** If, on or before the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, or if, by such date or at any time thereafter, it has been so executed but terminates without becoming effective, then:

(i) if the amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance does not exceed \$50,000, it shall be repaid by the Recipient to the World Bank (together with service charges accrued on the Withdrawn Advance Balance to the date of repayment) on such

date as the World Bank shall specify in a notice to the Recipient, which shall in no event be earlier than 60 days following the date of dispatch of such notice; and

- (ii) if the amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance exceeds \$50,000, it (together with service charges accrued on the Withdrawn Advance Balance to the Notice Date) (the "Aggregate Balance") shall be paid by the Recipient to the World Bank in ten approximately equal semiannual installments, in the amounts and on the dates ("Payment Dates") which the World Bank shall specify in a notice to the Recipient. In no event shall the first Payment Date be set earlier than 60 days following the date ("Notice Date") of dispatch of such notice. The Recipient shall pay a service charge on the Aggregate Balance at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum, payable in arrears on each Payment Date. The service charge shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Article V **Recipient's Representative; Addresses**

5.01. **Recipient's Representative.** The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 9.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister responsible for finance.

5.02. **Recipient's Address.** The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 9.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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5.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 9.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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