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January 5, 2010

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The Right Honorable Dean Barrow
Prime Minister, Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City, Belize

Re: BELIZE: AHI Grant No. TF 095644
Avian and Human Influenza Detection and Response Project

Dear Prime Minister:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Belize ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("World Bank") acting as administrator of grant funds provided by Australia, Republic of Estonia, European Commission, Iceland, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Republic of Slovenia, and the United Kingdom under the Avian and Human Influenza (AHI) Facility, proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed five hundred and one thousand seven hundred and forty four United States Dollars (US\$ 501,744) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in 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.

Very truly yours,

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

By /s/ David Seth Warren
Acting Director
Caribbean Country Management Unit
Latin American and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

BELIZE

By /s/ Dean Barrow
Authorized Representative

Title Prime Minister

Date: January 22, 2010

Enclosures:

- (1) Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds, dated July 1, 2008
- (2) Disbursement Letter dated January 5, 2010, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006

Article I

Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated July 1, 2008 (“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 terms have the following meanings:

- (a) “A/H1N1” means influenza A virus sub-type H1N1, a novel H1N1 flu officially known as swine flu, a respiratory infection caused by an influenza virus first recognized during the spring of 2009.
- (b) “Health Care Waste Management Plan” means the plan referred to in Section 2.03 of this Annex to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with said Section 2.03 of this Annex, setting forth the guidelines, procedures and measures for improvement of management of the health care waste including, preparedness and management of A/H1N1 in an event of an outbreak, and disposal of waste as the said document may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written concurrence of the World Bank.
- (c) “Public Health and Medical Laboratory” means the Recipient’s referral laboratory facility under the Ministry of Health.
- (d) “Training” means costs incurred by the Ministry of Health, on account of approved workshops, and training of personnel to ensure sustainability of the activities financed under the Project, and of personnel involved in the implementation of the Project, including travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to course preparation and implementation.

Article II

Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to strengthen the Recipient’s ability to detect and respond to potential H1N1 influenza epidemic, and build the overall surveillance capacity of its health system. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A: Strengthening the Ability to Detect A/H1N1 Influenza

Strengthening, expanding and improving existing influenza surveillance activities, including: (a) provision of training to health professionals to work at ports entry; (b) establishment

and equipment of surveillance stations at air and sea ports; and (c) acquisition of medical supplies for collection of samples from probable cases.

Part B: Strengthening the Ability to Respond to A/H1N1 Influenza

Expanding a public information campaign and upgrading the national Public Health and Medical Laboratory, including: (a) carrying out educational campaigns for H1N1 protection measures; (b) acquisition of laboratory equipment; and (c) provision of technical advisory services, including financial audits.

2.02. ***Project Execution Generally.*** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through its Ministry of Health in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. ***Institutional and Other Arrangements.*** Prior to implementation of any Project activity requiring use of disposable medical waste material, the Recipient shall: (a) prepare and submit to the World Bank the Health Care Waste Management Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank; (b) carry out the Project in accordance with the guidelines, rules and procedures defined in the Health Care Waste Management Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; (c) include in the content of any training provided to the health personnel under the Project, information on the proper disposal of any health waste; (d) not amend or waive, or permit to be waived, the Health Care Waste Management Plan or any provision thereof, without prior written consent of the World Bank; (e) ensure that all measures for carrying out the recommendations of the Health Care Waste Management Plan are taken in a timely manner; and (f) ensure that the Project Reports referred to in Section 2.04 of this Annex include adequate information on monitoring the measures defined in the Health Care Waste Management Plan.

2.04. ***Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.*** (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of the indicators set forth below in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

(b) The performance indicators referred to above in paragraph (a) consist of the following:

- (i) number of Ministry of Health workers trained to work at airport, sea port, and border crossings;
- (ii) number of surveillance stations established and equipped at airport, sea port and border crossings;
- (iii) size of public information campaign; and
- (iv) fulfillment of medical supply needs.

(c) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than one month 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 Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the entire period during which withdrawals from the Grant Account were made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than four months after the end of such period.

2.06. **Procurement**

(a) **General.** All goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

- (i) Section I (excluding paragraph 1.16) of the “Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits” published by the World Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006 (“Procurement Guidelines”), in the case of goods; and
- (ii) Sections I (excluding paragraph 1.24) and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers” published by the World Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006 (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and
- (iii) the provisions of this Section.

(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 the Procurement Guidelines, or the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods

- (i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods 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 for those contracts which the Bank agrees meet the requirements set forth in the Procurement Guidelines for their use: (A) National Competitive Bidding; and (B) Shopping; .

- (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 the Bank agrees meet the requirements set forth in the Consultant Guidelines for their use: (A) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (E) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (F) Sole Source Procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.
- (e) Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise determine by notice to the Recipient, all contracts shall be subject to Prior Review by the World Bank.

Article III
Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) 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 the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in US Dollars)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods	326,754	100%
(2) Consultants' services	120,000	100%
(3) Training	54,990	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	501,744	

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. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is June 30, 2011.

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

4.01. **Recipient's Representative.** The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister responsible for finance.

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

Ministry of Finance
New Administration Building
Belmopan
Belize, Central America

Facsimile:
501-822 0071

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

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

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