

Date: 28-Jul-2021

H.E Ato Ahmed Shide
Minister
Ministry of Finance
Addis Ababa
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**Re: ETHIOPIA: Advance Agreement for Preparation of the
Proposed Financial Sector Strengthening and Access Project
Project Preparation Advance No. V3780**

Excellency:

1. Reference is made to the Advance Agreement between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (the “Recipient”) and the International Development Association (the “World Bank”, and together with the Recipient, the “Parties” and each a “Party”) regarding the Preparation of the Proposed Financial Sector Strengthening and Access Project dated July 16, 2021 (“the Advance Agreement”).
2. The Parties agree to amend Article IV (Terms of the Advance) of the Advance Agreement as follows:

**“Article IV
Terms of the Advance**

- 4.01. 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the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, then the full amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be paid to the World Bank as soon as the Refinancing Agreement becomes effective, by means of a withdrawal by the World Bank of such amount of the Refinancing Proceeds, in accordance with the provisions of the Refinancing Agreement.
 - 4.02 No Repayment in the absence of a Refinancing Agreement: Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Standard Conditions, if, on or before the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, or if, by such date, it has been so executed but terminates without becoming effective, then the Recipient shall not be obligated to repay the Withdrawn Advance Balance.”
3. All other provisions of the Advance Agreement, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing this amendment letter. This amendment letter shall become effective as of the date of countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: *Ousmane Dione*

Ousmane Dione
Country Director for Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan
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AGREED:

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

By: 

Ato Ahmed Shide
Minister, Ministry of Finance

Date: 10-Aug-2021