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Mr. Rob McInerney
Chief Executive Officer
International Road Assessment Programme (“iRAP”)
60 Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DS

Re: GRSF Grant No. TF0B7433
iRAP Research and Evaluation of Road Projects in Meeting the
Global Road Safety Performance Target 3
Letter Agreement

Dear Sir:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of International Road Assessment Programme (“iRAP”) (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association (“Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors (“Donors”) under the Global Road Safety Facility - Phase 3 Multi-Donor Trust Fund, proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of selected countries (“Member Country”), a grant in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand United States Dollars (USD 200,000) (“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”).

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

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 this Agreement, and returning one duly executed copy to the Bank.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Pablo Fajnzylber
Pablo Fajnzylber
Director, Strategy and Operations

AGREED:
INTERNATIONAL ROAD ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME (iRAP)

By Rob McInerney
Authorized Representative

Name Rob McInerney

Title CEO

Date 25-Nov-2021

Enclosures:

- (1) "International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds" dated February 25, 2019
- (2) Disbursement and Financial Information Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017

**Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions**

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions (as defined in Section 1.02 below) 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 Section:

- (a) “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 2 of the Appendix to the Standard 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.
- (b) “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section 3.01 of this Agreement.
- (c) “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated October 25, 2021, 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.
- (d) “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 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 Bank.
- (e) “GRSF” means Global Road Safety Facility hosted by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- (f) “iRAP” means International Road Assessment Programme, a charity organization registered in England and Wales under company number 05476000, Charity number 1140357.
- (g) “LMIC” means low- and middle-income countries.

- (h) “Operating Costs” means reasonable expenditures for office supplies, 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 salaries of officials of the Member Country.
- (i) “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 20 of the Appendix to the Standard Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
- (a) “Standard Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds”, dated February 25, 2019, with the modifications set forth in the Appendix.
- (b) “Member Countries” means Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, Republic of Honduras, Nepal, Fiji, Uzbekistan, and St. Lucia, or any other Bank member country acceptable to the Bank.
- (c) “Star Rating” means an objective measure of likelihood of a road crash occurring and its severity.
- (d) “Training” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the Bank, for training and workshops conducted under the Project, including tuition, 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).

Article II Project Execution

2.01. ***Project Objectives and Description.*** The objective of the Project is to evaluate progress towards achieving UN Global Road Safety Performance Target 3: that by 2030, all new roads achieve technical standards for all road users should take into account road safety, or meet a three-star rating or better. The Project consists of the following parts:

- (a) Conduct a literature review of the twenty-one completed priority road projects using existing iRAP’s assessments and data, covering full life of the project including: (i) project planning and preparation phase; (ii) design phase; and (iii) construction, operation and maintenance.
- (b) Conduct Star Rating and fatality estimates of the designs and completed roads using the Star Rating for Designs web application and ViDA tool, developed by GRSF and iRAP.
- (c) Provision of Training and support to LMIC research teams and suppliers for undertaking the assessments to develop capacity and identify areas of improvements.
- (d) Conduct a review of local design standards and specifications involving consultations with the local road authority, consultants, government agencies, relevant Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other stakeholders, aimed to identify barriers to planning and management of safer roads.

- (e) Collection, analysis and review of available before and after crash data.
- (f) Carry out of interviews of relevant stakeholders involved in the planning, design, construction and operations of roads.
- (g) Provision of Training and capacity building for local road engineers, related to use of GRSF and iRAP supported Star Rating for Designs web application.
- (h) Development of knowledge guidance for iRAP Road Safety Toolkit and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) resources to address knowledge gaps and support improved safety outcomes for all road users in LMIC countries.
- (i) Provision of support in enhancement of the Star Rating for Design web application and including quality assurance, certification functionality, and user support.
- (j) Development of a research paper for a peer reviewed journal, to disseminate knowledge generated from the evaluation and review of the progress towards UN Target 3.

2.02. ***Project Execution Generally.*** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the Anti-Corruption Guidelines; and (c) this Article II.

2.03. ***Institutional and Other Arrangements.*** The Recipient shall, throughout Project implementation, maintain, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank, staff in adequate numbers, with experience and qualification satisfactory to the Bank to be responsible for the overall implementation of the Project, including environmental and social, procurement and financial management specialists.

2.04. **Environmental and Social Standards.**

- (a) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
- (b) Without limitation upon paragraph (a) above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Bank. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (i) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and provided in the ESCP;
 - (ii) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
 - (iii) 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
 - (iv) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.

- (c) In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- (d) The Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (i) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Bank through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Bank, 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 Bank, setting out, inter alia: (A) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (B) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (C) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
 - (ii) the Bank 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.
- (e) The Recipient 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 Bank.

2.05. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.** The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

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) Article III of the Standard Conditions; and (b) this Section; to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table.

| Category | Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD) | Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes) |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under the Project | 200,000 | 100% |
| TOTAL AMOUNT | 200,000 | |

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 this Agreement.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date is June 30, 2023.

**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 the Chief Executive Officer.

4.02. **Recipient's Address.** For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Recipient's Address is:

International Road Assessment Programme, 60 Trafalgar Square, London, United Kingdom, WC2N 5DS; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

E-mail: rob.mcinerney@irap.org

4.03. **Bank's Address.** For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Bank's address is:

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

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Telex:

Facsimile:

E-mail:

248423 (MCI) or
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