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March 29, 2016

H. E. Shukry Bishara
Minister of Finance and Planning
Ministry of Finance and Planning
Ramallah

Re: TFSCB III Grant Agreement for Palestinian Expenditure
Consumption Survey Project (Palestine PECS 2016/17)
Grant No. TF0A2251

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization ("Recipient") for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority ("PA"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the Multi Donor Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building-III, proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed seven hundred thousand United States Dollars (US\$700,000) ("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 World 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 World 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, through the PA, to cause the PA's Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, established by the PA's General Statistics Law No. 5 for 2000 ("PCBS"), 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. This Agreement shall become effective in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Annex to this Agreement.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
Authorized Representative

AGREED:
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority)

By 
Authorized Representative

Name Shukry Bishara

Title Minister of Finance

Date March 29, 2016

Enclosures:

- (1) Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds, dated February 15, 2012.
- (2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006.

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

Standard Conditions. The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 (“Standard Conditions”), with the modifications set forth in the Appendix to this Agreement, constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.01. **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.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to support the PCBS in collecting the next round of Palestinian Expenditure Consumption Survey (PEC Survey) for monitoring regularly different socio-economic indicators.

The Project consists of the following parts:

- (a) Training of selected trainers and enumerators, and designing and preparation of PEC Survey.
- (b) PEC Survey implementation and data collection.
- (c) Data processing and dissemination.
- (d) Project administration and management support through financing of Incremental Operating Costs and goods.

2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall cause the PA to carry out the Project through the PCBS 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 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** (a) To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Grant available to the PA under a subsidiary grant agreement (“Subsidiary Grant Agreement”) between the Recipient and the PA, under terms and conditions approved by the World Bank.

(b) The Recipient shall cause the Palestinian Authority: (i) to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Subsidiary Grant Agreement all of the obligations of the Palestinian Authority therein set forth; (ii) to take all action, including the provision of funds, facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate for the carrying out of the Project; and (iii) not to take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with the carrying out of the Project.

(c) The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the Grant. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Grant Agreement or any of its provisions.

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 (1) calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one (1) 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: compile full documentation of the survey and disseminate the electronic micro-data sets within 12 months of the completion of such survey, in line with best practices.

(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 (6) 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 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 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 six months after the end of such period.

2.06. ***Procurement***

(a) General. All goods and consultants' 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 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 (revised July 2014) ("Procurement Guidelines"), in the case of goods;

(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 (revised 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 Project 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

Goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of 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, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, 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) Procurement of Operating Costs. Expenditures included in the Operating Costs category can be procured in accordance with the Recipient’s established administrative procedures acceptable to the World Bank.

(f) 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 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 Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, consultants' services, Training and Operating Costs	700,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	700,000	

For the purpose of this paragraph, the term

(a) "Operating Costs" means the operating costs under the Project incurred by PCBS for purposes of the implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation of the Project on account of office supplies and consumables, utilities, bank charges, communications, mass media and printing services, vehicle rental, operation, maintenance and insurance, office space rental, building and equipment maintenance, domestic travel, lodging, and subsistence allowances, and salaries of contractual and temporary staff, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, and bonuses of members of the Recipient's civil service.

(b) "Training" means the reasonable cost of: (i) training materials and rental of training facilities and equipment; (ii) travel, accommodation and *per diem* of trainers and trainees; and (iii) any other expenses related to training under the Project.

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 referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is July 31, 2017.

Article IV Effectiveness; Termination

4.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below has been satisfied:

The Subsidiary Grant Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Recipient and the PA in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.03 (a) of the Annex to this Agreement.

4.02. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 4.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been

effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

4.03. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date 90 days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Article V
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

5.01. *Recipient's Representative.* The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is the Minister of Finance of the Palestinian Authority.

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

Ministry of Finance, Palestinian National Authority
Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza

Telephone:

970-2-297 8846

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

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Appendix
(Modifications to the Standard Conditions)

The Standard Conditions are modified as follows:

1. Section 2.09 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.09. *Visits.* The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the Project and for a period of ten (10) years thereafter:

- (a) enable representatives of the World Bank to visit any part of the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority for purposes related to the Grant; and
- (b) enable the World Bank’s representatives: (i) to visit any facilities and sites included in the Project; and (ii) to examine the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Grant, and any documents relevant to the performance of its obligations under the Grant Agreement.”

2. Sub-section (a) of Section 3.07 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 3.07. *Financing Taxes.*

- (a) The Grant Agreement may specify that the proceeds of the Grant may not be withdrawn to pay for Taxes levied by, or in the parts of the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority on or in respect of Eligible Expenditures, or on their importation, manufacture, procurement or supply. In such case, if the amount of any such Taxes decreases or increases, the World Bank may, by notice to the Recipient, adjust the percentage of such Eligible Expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant specified in the Grant Agreement, as required to ensure consistency with such limitation on withdrawals.”

3. Sub-sections (a) and (h) of Section 4.02 are deleted, and consequently, Sub-sections (b) through (k) are re-lettered as Sub-sections (a) through (i).

4. Re-lettered Sub-section (b) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(b) *Fraud and Corruption.* At any time, the World Bank determines that any representative of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any other recipient of any of the proceeds of the Grant) has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of the Grant, without the Recipient (or any such agency thereof or any such entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority or any other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.”

5. Re-lettered Sub-section (c) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) *Cross Suspension.* IBRD or IDA has suspended in whole or in part the right of the Recipient or any agency thereof, or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, to make withdrawals under any agreement with IBRD or with IDA because of a failure by the Recipient, or any agency thereof, or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, to perform any of its obligations under such agreement or any other agreement with IBRD or IDA.”

6. Re-lettered Sub-section (f) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(f) *Assignment of Obligations; Disposition of Assets.* The Recipient or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Project has, without the consent of the World Bank: (i) assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement; or (ii) sold, leased, transferred, assigned, or otherwise disposed of any property or assets financed wholly or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to transactions in the ordinary course of business which, in the opinion of the World Bank: (A) do not materially and adversely affect the ability of the Recipient (or such other entity) to perform any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement or to achieve the objectives of the Project; and (B) do not materially and adversely affect the financial condition or operation of the Recipient (or such other entity).”

7. Re-lettered Sub-section (g) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(g) *Condition of Recipient.* If the Grant has been made to a Recipient which is not a member of IBRD:

- (i) Any action has been taken for the dissolution, disestablishment or suspension of operations of the Recipient (or of any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Project).
- (ii) The Recipient (or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Project) has ceased to exist in the same legal form as that prevailing as of the date of the Grant Agreement.
- (iii) In the opinion of the World Bank, the legal character, ownership or control of the Recipient (or any other entity responsible for implementing any part of the Project) has changed from that prevailing as of the date of the Grant Agreement so as to materially and adversely affect the ability of the Recipient (or such other entity) to perform any of its obligations arising under or entered into pursuant to the Grant Agreement, or to achieve the objectives of the Project.”

8. Re-lettered Sub-section (h) of Section 4.02 is amended to read as follows:

“(h) *Ineligibility.* IBRD or IDA has declared the Recipient ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by IBRD or IDA (including as administrator of funds provided by another financier), as a result of a

determination by IBRD or IDA that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA.”

9. Sub-section (c) of Section 4.03 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) *Fraud and Corruption.* At any time, the World Bank determines, with respect to any amount of the proceeds of the Grant, that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant) without the Recipient (or any such agency thereof or any such entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or any such other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.”

10. Sub-section (a) of Section 4.05 is amended to read as follows:

“(a) If the World Bank determines that an amount of the Grant has been used in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Grant Agreement or these Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon notice by the World Bank to the Recipient, promptly refund such amount to the World Bank. Such inconsistent use shall include, without limitation:

- (i) use of such amount to make a payment for an expenditure that is not an Eligible Expenditure; or
- (ii) (A) engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in connection with the use of such amount; or (B) use of such amount to finance a contract during the procurement or execution of which such practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any agency thereof or any entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or other recipient of such amount of the Grant), in either case without the Recipient (or such agency thereof or such entity in the West Bank and Gaza under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.”

11. Sub-section (j) of Section 5.03 is amended to read as follows:

“(j) If, within thirty (30) days after counterparts of the award have been delivered to the parties, the award has not been complied with, any party may: (i) enter judgment upon, or institute a proceeding to enforce, the award in any court of competent jurisdiction against any other party; (ii) enforce such judgment by execution; or (iii) pursue any other appropriate remedy against such other party for the enforcement of the award and the provisions of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not authorize any entry of judgment or enforcement of the award against the

Recipient except as such procedure may be available otherwise than by reason of the provisions of this Section.”

12. Paragraph (17) of the Appendix is deleted and, consequently, paragraphs (18) through (26) are re-numbered as paragraphs (17) through (25).