H.E. Juan Temístocles Montás  
Minister of Economy, Planning and Development  
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Palacio Nacional  
Av. México esq. Dr. Delgado  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Re: TFSCB Grant No. TF017792  
Dominican Republic: Strengthening Gender Statistics

Dear Minister Montás:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Dominican Republic ("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 the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("Donor") under the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building – III (TFSCB-III) (TF070561), proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand United States Dollars (US$225,000) ("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 Donor. 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 Donor 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 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effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By
Sophie Sirtaine
Country Director
Caribbean Country Management Unit
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By

Authorized Representative

Name

Title

Date:

Enclosures:
(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(3) “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 Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("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.

(a) "GBV" means Gender Based Violence.
(b) "NDS" means National Development Strategy (Estrategia Nacional de Desarrollo).
(c) "NSDS" means National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (Plan Estadístico Nacional - PEN).
(d) "NSO" means the Recipient’s National Statistical Office (Oficina Nacional de Estadísticas) established pursuant to law No. 5096 on Statistics and National Census dated December 10, 1968.
(e) "NSS" means National Statistic System (Sistema Estadístico Nacional - SEN).
(f) "SISGE" means System of Gender Sensitive Indicators (Sistema de Indicadores Género-Sensitivos).

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objectives of the Project are to: (a) develop a national system for GBV statistics that consolidates the structure and content of statistics on a key priority issues for gender equality in the country; and (b) institutionalize gender as a cross-cutting theme in the production, organization and dissemination of statistics in the relevant producers of the National Statistical System and the National Statistical Office. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Establishment of a National System for Gender Based Violence Statistics

Provision of support for, *inter alia*:

1. the establishment of a multi-sectoral sub-committee composed of users and producers of statistics on GBV;
2. the development and agreement on a conceptual and methodological framework for the National System for GBV Statistics based on international guidelines and best practices;
3. the carrying out of technical meetings with expert users of statistics on GBV;
4. the definition and agreement on the norms and analytical framework to be used for the National System for GBV Statistics;
5. the design of the structure for the GBV data system, including a joint virtual platform for the data;
6. the dissemination of the virtual platform and the information presented therein; and
7. capacity development activities linked to the establishment of a National System for GBV Statistics directed at staff from the NSO and the NSS.

Part B. Institutionalization of Gender as a Cross-Cutting Theme

Provision of support for, *inter alia*:

1. the strengthening of the production of gender-sensitive statistics among relevant producers of statistics in the NSS through:
   (a) the preparation of diagnostics on the current situation and capacities related to the compliance of national level commitments on gender as evidenced in the NDS and the NSDS;
   (b) the design of a work plan to improve gender-sensitive statistical production in priority sectors; and
   (c) the dissemination of the plan to improve the production of gender-sensitive data in priority sectors and provision of capacity development to involved or relevant sectors for its implementation;

2. the closing gender gaps in institutional processes at the NSO through:
   (a) the assessment of the existing human capital resources and management processes at the NSO as they relate to the compliance of the national level commitments on gender set out in the NDS and the NSDS;
   (b) the design of an action plan to close existing gender gaps; and
   (c) the dissemination of the plan to close existing gender gaps and provide capacity development to NSO staff for its implementation;

3. the improvement and updating of SISGE through:
   (a) the assessment of the data sources of the existing SISGE;
   (b) the design of a new conceptual and methodological framework that includes the definition of the scope, thematic content, indicators and monitoring and evaluation processes of the system;
   (c) the validation of the system across sectors, and subsequent revisions; and
   (d) the dissemination of the system and its characteristics; and

4. capacity development activities linked to the institutionalization of gender as a cross-cutting theme directed at staff from the NSO and the NSS.

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 the National Statistical Office 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.** For purposes of carrying out the Project, the Recipient shall maintain at all times during Project implementation professional staff in adequate numbers and with terms of reference, qualifications and functions acceptable to the World Bank, to perform all Project-related functions including, *inter alia*, procurement and financial management.

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 indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six months, 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 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 semester, covering the semester, 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 life of the Project, including the 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 Closing Date.

2.06. **Procurement.** All goods, non-consulting services, and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in 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”), and 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”).

2.07. Any contract for Eligible Expenditures to be financed in full or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be included in the procurement plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the World Bank in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines, prior to initiating the procurement process for any such contract.

**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; (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 100% of Eligible Expenditures consisting of goods, consultants’ services
(including travel and the Project audit), Training and Workshops, and Operating Costs, inclusive of Taxes.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:

(i) “Training and Workshops” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World 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); and

(ii) “Operating Costs” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World Bank, for the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, consisting of travel cost and per diem for Project staff for travel linked to the implementation of 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 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 August 31, 2016.

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 of Economy, Planning and Development.

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

Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development
Palacio Nacional
Av. México esq. Dr. Delgado
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Facsimile: 1-809-695-8432

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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