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(Transmission by Fax: 967-1-250-665)

Re: Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project
(Grant Number TF017651)
Amendment to Grant Agreement

Excellency:

We refer to: (i) the Grant Agreement dated July 10, 2014 between the Republic of Yemen (“Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association (“World Bank”) acting as Implementation Support Agency of the Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund for the above-referenced project (“Grant Agreement”); and (ii) your letter dated August 24, 2014 requesting the World Bank to amend Section IV.A.2 (a) of Schedule 2 to the Grant Agreement to include rental of office space for the Project Management Unit (“PMU”) in the definition of “Operating Costs.”

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank agrees with your request and proposes to amend said provision of the Grant Agreement as follows:

“the term “Operating Costs” means the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project management and implementation, including rental of office space for the PMU, servicing of office machines and equipment, bank charges, eligible expenses related to meetings (except such meeting expenses under Part B of the Project, which shall be borne by the Recipient), advertising costs related to hiring of consultants, sundry recurrent expenses, office supplies, consumables, travel costs, travel per diem, and accommodation, but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants.”

All other provisions of the Grant Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing amendment to the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Recipient by countersigning and dating the two original copies of this letter and returning one countersigned original copy to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank, the amendment to the Grant Agreement shall become effective as of the date of countersignature of this letter.
Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT/ INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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