H. E. Win Shein  
Union Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Building No. 26  
Naypyitaw  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Re: Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB) Grant for Developing a National Strategy for Development of Statistics for Myanmar Project  
TFSCB Grant No. TF014677

Excellency:

I am writing on behalf of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association (collectively the Bank) to indicate the Bank's agreement, as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors, to make a grant in an amount not exceeding two hundred two thousand and four hundred United States Dollars ($202,400) (the Grant) to Republic of the Union of Myanmar (the Recipient).

The Grant is made in response to the Recipient's request for financial assistance and for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Annex to this Letter Agreement. The Recipient hereby confirms its request that the Bank carry out the activities described in paragraph 1 of the Annex to this Letter Agreement, and represents that it is authorized to contract the Grant for the said purposes and on the said terms and conditions.

Please note that it is the Bank's policy to make publicly available this Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, after this Letter Agreement has become effective and the Recipient has given its consent to such disclosure. The Recipient, by countersigning this Letter Agreement, confirms its consent to such disclosure.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing, dating, and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Letter Agreement. Upon receipt by the Bank of the copy of this Letter Agreement countersigned by you, this Letter Agreement will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Ulrich Zachau  
Country Director, South East Asia  
(Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand)  
East Asia and Pacific Region

AGREED:

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

By: WIN SHEIN

Name: WIN SHEIN  
Title: Union Minister  
Date: 24 July 2014
Purposes, Terms and Conditions of the Grant

1. The purpose of the Grant is to assist the Recipient's statistical authorities in developing a comprehensive, user-centric National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), which sets out the strategic vision and mission of official statistics producers in Myanmar and serves as a basis for medium-term funding decisions by internal and external financiers. The activities (the Activities) for which the Grant is given include technical assistance for development of the NSDS; facilitation of a study tour to a country within the region with present and relevant experience in developing an NSDS; consultative workshops to facilitate development of the NSDS; and printing and distribution of the final NSDS.

2. The Grant shall be used to finance consultants' services (US$70,000), training and workshops (US$132,400) required for the Activities, including study tour, workshop costs and travel expenses.

3. The Bank shall carry out the Activities on behalf of the Recipient. The Recipient shall cooperate with the Bank to the extent necessary to permit the Bank to carry out the Activities promptly and effectively, and to evaluate the results of the Activities. The Recipient shall indemnify the Bank against any costs or liabilities incurred by the Bank as a result of claims against the Bank in connection with the Activities, except those resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of its staff or external consultants.

4. The Bank shall carry out the Activities pursuant to this Letter Agreement only to the extent that the Grant funds required for such Activities are available to the Bank from various donors.

5. The Activities shall be completed by not later than December 31, 2015, or such later date as the Bank may establish by notice to the Recipient (the Closing Date). After the Closing Date, the Bank may at any time cancel the remaining balance of the Grant.

6. The engagement and supervision of the consultants (the Consultants) required to assist in the carrying out of the Activities shall be the responsibility solely of the Bank and shall be done according to the Bank’s applicable procedures.

7. The Recipient may at any time request the Bank in writing to terminate the Activities. Whether or not the Recipient has made such a request, the Bank may at any time suspend or, after consultation with the Recipient, terminate the right of the Recipient to receive Grant funds for the Activities if any of the following events has occurred and is continuing: (a) the Recipient has failed to perform any of its obligations under this Letter Agreement; or (b) the right of the Recipient, or any other entity to which the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the IBRD) has made a loan with the guarantee of the member country, to make withdrawals under any loan agreement with the IBRD or any development credit, grant or financing agreement with the International Development Association has been suspended.

8. The Bank is not an agent of, or trustee for, the Recipient and shall not have any fiduciary relationship with the Recipient. The Recipient shall have no right to any portion of the Grant that is not expended by the Bank pursuant to this Letter Agreement.