Amendment to the General Arrangement between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association concerning the Debt Relief Trust Fund (TF No. 025866)

Dear Mr. Davidse:

1. We refer to the General Arrangement between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation (the “Donor”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) and the International Development Association (“IDA”) (collectively referred to as the “Bank”) concerning the Debt Relief Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”, formerly the HIPC Trust Fund), dated May 14, 2003, as amended (the “Agreement”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used but not defined in this letter have the meanings given to them in the Agreement.

2. Paragraph 3(d) of the Trust Fund Resolution, which is incorporated into and forms part of the Agreement authorizes IDA, as Administrator of the Trust Fund, to invest funds held in the Trust Fund pending disbursement, and provides that “all the income from such investment shall be credited to, and used exclusively for the purposes of, the Trust Fund, except that if a donor so requires, the income from the investment of the funds provided by that donor shall be paid to the donor.”

3. IDA, as Administrator of the Trust Fund, and the Donor hereby agree that the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (USD 2,300,000), representing a portion of the Donor’s share of the unallocated investment income in the Trust Fund, shall be transferred by IDA, as Administrator, from the Trust Fund into the Debt Service Trust Fund for the Palestinian Authority (TF No. 072025) (the “Debt Service Trust Fund”), to be administered by IDA, in order to provide debt relief to the Palestinian Authority on credits financed by the Trust Fund for Gaza and West Bank (“TFGWB”, established by Resolution No. 93-11 and IDA No. 93-7 as amended) and administered by IDA. The Donor understands that other donors are also expected to contribute to the Debt Service Trust Fund.
4. From the date of effectiveness of this Amendment until February 29, 2016, IDA, as Administrator of the Debt Service Trust Fund, shall use funds transferred to the Debt Service Trust Fund and any investment income earned on such contributions to repay any amounts due or any TFGWB credits outstanding as of the date of this Amendment in such manner as IDA may, in its discretion, determine.

5. Such transfer shall be made promptly following countersignature of this Amendment.

6. IDA will disclose this Amendment and related information on this Trust Fund in accordance with the World Bank Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment, the Donor consents to disclosure of this Amendment and related information on this Trust Fund.

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

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEBT RELIEF TRUST FUND

[Signature]

Vice President
Conciliation Finance and Global Partnerships

AGREED:

For the NETHERLANDS MINISTER for
FOREIGN TRADE and DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

[Signature]
Koen Davidse
Director
Multilateral Organisation and Human Rights
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: 4/3/2013