May 25, 2012

Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund  
Representative  
The Representative Office of Norway  
to the Palestinian Authority  
World Bank Building  
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Amendment to the Letter of Agreement between the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association concerning the West Bank and Gaza: Norwegian Aid Coordination Trust Fund (TF No. 051695)

Dear Mr. Frydenlund:

1. We refer to the Letter of Agreement dated December 9, 2003 between the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway (the “Ministry”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), (collectively, the “Bank”) regarding the West Bank and Gaza: Norwegian Aid Coordination Trust Fund (TF No.051695) (the “Trust Fund”) as amended (the “Letter of Agreement”).

2. Pursuant to recent discussions between the Bank and the Ministry regarding an extension of the end disbursement date of the Trust Fund, the Bank proposes to amend the Letter of Agreement as follows:

Paragraph 9 (a) is amended to read:

“9 (a). It is expected that the Contribution funds will be fully disbursed by the Bank in accordance with the provisions of this Letter of Agreement by December 31, 2013. The Bank shall only disburse Contribution funds for the purposes of this Letter of Agreement after such date with the written approval of the Ministry.”

3. All other terms of the Letter of Agreement shall remain the same.

4. The Bank will disclose this Agreement and related information on this Trust Fund in accordance with the World Bank Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Agreement, the Donor consents to disclosure of this Agreement and related information on this Trust Fund.
5. We propose that this letter shall constitute an amendment to the Letter of Agreement between the Bank and the Donor. Please confirm your acceptance to the foregoing, on behalf of the Donor, by signing and dating the two originals, retaining one original for your records and returning the other original to the Bank. Upon receipt by the Bank of the original Amendment countersigned by you, this Amendment will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Mariam J. Sherman
Country Director
West Bank and Gaza Country Department
Middle East and North Africa Region

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

THE ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

By: ____________________
Name: [Signature]
Title: Representative
Date: 30/5/12