December 12, 2017

His Excellency
Ionuț Mișa
Minister of Public Finance
Ministry of Public Finance
17, Apolodor Street, Sector 5
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Romania

Dear Mr. Minister:

Romania Secondary Education Project (Loan No. 8481-RO)
Amendment to the Loan Agreement

We refer to the Loan Agreement between Romania and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) for the above-referenced Project, dated April 17, 2015 (the Agreement), and the letter dated October 30, 2017 from Mr. Attila György, Secretary of State, Ministry of Public Finance, requesting an amendment to the above-mentioned Agreement.

We concur with your request and hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows (the modifications are shown in italics):

1. Part 1 (b) of Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement is amended to read as follows:

   (b) Systemic Interventions. Provision of technical assistance, Training and goods for the implementation of the following:

   (i) revising the upper secondary education curriculum;

   (ii) training of teachers and school directors on implementing or adapting the revised curriculum;

   (iii) improving teaching conditions within teacher training institutions through provision of goods;

   (iv) revising and updating Grade 8 and Baccalaureate exam banks of items and associated Training, including the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the National Center for Assessment and Examination (“NCAE”);
(v) improving the information technologies platforms used for learning assessments and exams of upper secondary school education students through the provision of goods;

(vi) development and implementation of a Grade 10 learning assessment, to be administered at the end of the compulsory education cycle;

(vii) development of digital teaching and learning materials;

(viii) development and implementation of campaigns to raise student and teacher awareness, including, when applicable, for Roma students;

(ix) strengthening of MESR’s capacity to use educational information to monitor upper secondary education and the transition of students into tertiary education; and

(x) supporting the participation of Romanian students at international assessments through financing of associated costs including management, administration, participation fees.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing, on behalf of Romania, by signing, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter. This Amendment will become effective upon receipt of a countersigned copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Proscuryakova
Country Manager
World Bank Romania

AGREED:

ROMANIA

By Attila Gyurgy
Authorized Representative

Title Secretary of State

Date 19 Dec 2017
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