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August 6, 2015

H.E. Anatol Arapu
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Cosmonautilor str. 7
Chisinau
Republic of Moldova

Re: Grant No. TF019354
Strengthening Capacity – EMIS

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Moldova (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association (collectively, the “World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided under the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building, proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed three hundred sixty-five thousand United States Dollars (US$365,000) (“Grant”) on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement (“Agreement”), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex (“Project”).

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date specified by the World Bank in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Annex to this Agreement; provided, however, that the offer of this
Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION and
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By

Viktoriya Gryachenko
Acting Country Director
Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine
Europe and Central Asia

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

By: ____________________________
Authorized Representative

Name: Anatoľ ARAPU

Title: Minister of Finance

Date: November 3, 2015

Enclosures:


(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006;

(3) Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011;

(4) Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014; and

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions


1.02. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement; and the below additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Center for Information and Communication Technologies in Education" means a center responsible for information and communication technologies within MoE.

(b) "EMIS" means education management information system.

(c) "MoE" means the Recipient’s Ministry of Education, or any successor thereto.

(d) "World Bank Safeguard Policies" means the Bank operational policies and procedures set forth in the Bank’s Operational Manual under OPs/BPs 4.01, 4.04, 4.36, 4.09, 4.11, 4.10, 4.12, 4.37, 7.50 and 7.60, as said manual is published under www.worldbank.org/opmanual.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. Project Objectives and Description. The objective of the Project is to strengthen the quality, openness and use of education statistics to better inform the ongoing education reforms of the Recipient.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part I: Strengthening statistical and analytical capacity

Provision of support for: strengthening the capacity of the MoE, the Center for Information and Communication Technologies in Education, local authorities and schools in using EMIS through:

(a) assessing of their statistical capacity and information flows;

(b) carrying out Training on data collection, quality controls, information flows and analysis of the data; and

(c) reviewing and analyzing the statistical operations and procedures, regulatory and managerial framework for educational indicators.
Part II: Improving Quality and Reliability of Data Collected through EMIS

Provision of support for:

(a) developing and implementing data validation mechanisms;

(b) introducing digital signatures; and

(c) elaborating additional present reports in EMIS.

Part III: Opening Data in Education Sector

Provision of support for:

(a) assessing of education data needs of the stakeholders;

(b) creating catalogs of the identified data categories that need to be collected, compiled in user-friendly manner, opened and regularly updated;

(c) developing the open data webpages for dissemination and interactive visualization of educational data; and

(d) carrying out an outreach campaign on the education sector open data availability to encourage citizens oversight of the education reforms.

2.02. Project Execution Generally. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the grant funds. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MoE in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. Institutional and Other Arrangements. The Recipient shall ensure, through MoE, that the project implementation team is maintained throughout the implementation of the Project in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank.

2.04. Donor Visibility and Visit. The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors’ support for the Project.

2.05. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of the indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six (6) months, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

(b) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the closing date.
2.06. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall, upon the World Bank’s request, have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the entire period during which the withdrawals from the Grant Account were made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

2.07. **Procurement.** All goods and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011, revised in July 2014 (“Procurement Guidelines”), and the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011, revised in July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”).

2.08. Any contract for Eligible Expenditures to be financed in full or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be included in the procurement plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Bank in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines, prior to initiating the procurement process for any such contract.

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance 100% of Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table.

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of grant allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
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<td>Goods, consulting services, and Training</td>
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For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “Training” means the reasonable costs, as
shall have been approved by the World Bank, for training and workshops conducted under the
Project, including tuition, travel and subsistence costs for training and workshop participants,
costs associated with securing the services of trainers and workshop speakers, rental of training
and workshop facilities, preparation and reproduction of training and workshop materials, and
other costs directly related to training course and workshop preparation and implementation (but
excluding goods and consulting services).

3.02. Withdrawal Conditions. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this
Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature
of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard
Conditions is January 31, 2017.

Article IV
Effectiveness; Termination

4.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank
has been furnished to the World Bank that the execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf
of the Recipient has been duly authorized by all necessary governmental and corporate actions.

4.02. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the date on which this
Agreement shall enter into effect shall be the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the
Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 4.01 of this
Annex. If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the
World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if
this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice
referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

4.03. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not
entered into effect by the date sixty (60) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World
Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of
this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Article V
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

5.01. Recipient’s Representative. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02
of the Standard Conditions is the Minister of Finance.

5.02. Recipient’s Address. The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard
Conditions is:

Cosmonautilor str. 7
Chisinau
Republic of Moldova
Facsimile:
(373) 2222 5393
5.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

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