Mr. Henk Jan BAKKER  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
Road of Ministry of Interior  
Malalai Watt, Shahr-e-Naw  
Kabul  
Afghanistan

Dear Sir:

AFGHANISTAN  
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (Ref: TF050576)  
Seventeenth Amendment to Letter Agreement

We refer to the Letter Agreement dated June 11, 2002, between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation (the “Minister”), on the one part, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”), on the other part, as amended to date (the “Letter Agreement”), pursuant to which the Minister has made available to the Bank an aggregate sum of three hundred thirty eight million Euros (€338,000,000) and eleven million eight hundred thousand United States dollars ($11,800,000) as a grant for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”).

We acknowledge the intention of the Minister to increase the contribution to the Trust Fund by an additional twenty million Euros (€20,000,000) (such amount, the “Additional Contribution”) to be made available in one installment. After the Additional Contribution has been received by the Bank, the aggregate contribution to the Trust Fund will be three hundred fifty eight million Euros (€358,000,000) and eleven million eight hundred thousand United States dollars ($11,800,000).

Following confirmation of this amendment to the Letter Agreement by you, the Minister will deposit the Additional Contribution, i.e., twenty million Euros (€20,000,000), into a bank account designated by the Bank. Upon receipt of the funds, the Bank shall convert them into United States dollars.

The office responsible for coordination of all matters related to the implementation of this arrangement on behalf of the Minister is:

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All the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement, that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

We propose that this amendment to the Letter Agreement shall, upon confirmation in the manner indicated below, constitute an agreement between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation and the Bank, and shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature. It is the Bank’s policy to make publicly available the Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, including this amendment. By confirming below, the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation consents to disclosure of this amendment letter after it has become effective.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Stephen N. Ndegwa
Acting Country Director for Afghanistan
South Asia Region

Confirmed and Agreed:

Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation

By:

Name: Henk Jan Bakker
Title: Ambassador
Date: 4th December 2014