H.E. Amadou Boubacar Cissé  
Minister of State, Planning, and Community Development  
Niamey, NIGER

Excellency:

REPUBLIC OF NIGER: Grant No. H309-NIR (Multi-Sector Demographic Project)  
Amendment to the Financing Agreement

We refer to the Financing Agreement (the Agreement), dated June 29, 2007, for the above-mentioned Project, between the Republic of Niger (the Recipient) and the International Development Association (the Association). We also refer to your letter no. 001664/ME/F/CCD/DGPS/DPSS dated September 20, 2010 requesting a restructuring of the Project involving a revision of the activities to be carried out under the Project and their implementation arrangement, a reallocation of funds among disbursement categories, as well as an adjustment of the indicators selected to measure its performance.

We are pleased to inform you that the Association accedes to your request and proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Schedule 1 (Project Description) is amended to read as set forth in Annex 1 attached to this letter.

2. Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“2. (a) The Ministry of Population shall be responsible for the overall coordination of the Project activities as well as for all fiduciary and reporting aspects of the Project. To this end the Ministry of Population shall arbitrate and consolidate proposals of activities from the Project implementing entities, and prepare annual work programs and budgets which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Association. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the annual work programs and budgets approved by the Association. No expenditure shall be eligible to be financed from the proceeds of the Financing if it is not included in an annual work program and budget expressly approved by the Association.”
(b) The Recipient shall ensure that Part 1(b) and (c) of the Project are carried out by the Ministry of Population, that Part 1(d) of the Project is carried out by the Recipient’s ministry responsible for education and that Part 1(e) of the Project is carried out by the Recipient’s ministry responsible for justice.

(c) To facilitate the implementation of Part 1(a) of the Project, the Recipient shall enter into agreements in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, with nongovernmental organizations selected on the basis of terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association and in accordance with Section III of this Schedule.

(d) The Recipient shall ensure that Part 2 of the Project is implemented by the Recipient’s ministry responsible for health.

3. Section II.A.1(b) of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following paragraph:

“(b) The performance indicators referred to above in sub-paragraph (a) consist of the following:

(i) Number of annual work programs prepared, including the indicators, adopted and implemented each year;

(ii) Proportion of women aged from 15 to 49 who know at least one contraceptive prevalence method; and

(iii) Contraceptive prevalence rate (modern methods for women aged 15 to 49).”

4. The table in Section III.B.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Procurement Method</th>
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<tr>
<td>(a) National Competitive Bidding</td>
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<td>(b) Procurement from UN Agencies</td>
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<td>(c) Shopping</td>
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5. The table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following table:
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (all taxes included)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) (a) Goods and consultants’ services for the Parts 1 and 3 of the Project including audit and Training</td>
<td>4,300,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>(b) Goods and consultants’ services for the Part 2 of the Project including audit and Training</td>
<td>1,400,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Operating Costs</td>
<td>720,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
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<td>(3) Refund of Project Preparation Advance</td>
<td>280,000</td>
<td>Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07 of the General Conditions</td>
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<td>(4) Unallocated</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,700,000</strong></td>
<td></td>
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All other provisions of the Agreement except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement to the amendment by countersigning, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter, while keeping one original for your records.
This amendment shall become effective as of the date of countersignature of this letter.

Sincerely,

//s// Ousmane Diagana
Acting Country Director for Niger
Africa Region

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF NIGER

By: //s// Amadou boubacar Cissé
H.E. Amadou Boubacar Cissé
Minister of State, Planning, and Community Development

Date: __May 12, 2011______
Annex 1
Amendment to Schedule 1 to the Agreement

Revised SCHEDULE 1
Project Description

The objective of the Project is to strengthen the Recipient’s capacity to address its demographic challenges through: (i) enabling the Ministry of Population to design and implement a nationwide multi-sector population program; and (ii) increasing general awareness on population and reproductive health issues.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Advocacy, Communication and Coordination

Supporting nationwide and culturally sensitive advocacy, information, education and communication and behavior change communication campaigns, including through broad mass media campaigns and other means of communication, dissemination of the works of researchers, decision makers and other stakeholders, aiming at all components of the Recipient’s society, its leadership, traditional authorities and religious leaders, including: (a) information, education, communication and behavior change communication at community level; (b) multi-sector advocacy and communication such as advocacy directed to the Recipient’s governmental entities at the central, regional and municipal levels, the Recipient’s parliament, political parties operating on the Recipient’s territory, national organizations, the media and the journalists; (c) information, education, communication and behavior change communication to strengthen women’s economic opportunities; (d) promotion of girls’ schooling; and (e) support to the Recipient’s ministry responsible for justice for the preparation of the legal framework for woman’s and child’s protection.

Part 2: Reproductive Health Services

Strengthening the capacity of the Recipient’s ministry responsible for health for the provision of reproductive health services through development of guidelines and material, provision of training material and equipment, training of nurses, midwives and community health workers, and provision of contraceptive products.

Part 3: Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation

Institutional strengthening and capacity building of the entities involved in the implementation of the Project, including nongovernmental organizations carrying out Project activities in the regions and districts, to support the implementation of Project activities; data generation, collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization; project management, financial management, and supervision.