December 26, 2012

H.E. Dr. Ali Yousif A. Shukri
Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation
Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation
Baghdad, Iraq

Re: IRAQ – Grant for the Second Multi-Sector Institutional Capacity Building Project
(TF054373)
Amendment to Trust Fund Grant Agreement

Excellency:

1. We refer to the Trust Fund Grant Agreement between the Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation of Iraq (the “Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, (collectively the “Bank”) as administrator of grant funds provided by donor countries or agencies under the World Bank Iraq Trust Fund, as amended (the “Trust Fund Grant Agreement”). We also refer to your letter dated September 13, 2012 requesting extension of the closing date of the Second Multi-Sector Institutional Capacity Building Project and associated additional financing to respond to emerging capacity building needs and national priorities.

2. We are pleased to inform you that the Bank hereby accedes to your requests and agrees to amend the Trust Fund Grant Agreement as follows:

   (a) The amount of the Grant set forth in the first paragraph of the Trust Fund Grant Agreement is amended to read “ten million one hundred thousand United States Dollars (US$10,100,000)”.

   (b) The Closing Date set out in Paragraph 4 of the Annex to the Trust Fund Grant Agreement is amended to read “June 30, 2013”.

3. All sections of the Trust Fund Grant Agreement that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

4. Please confirm your agreement on behalf of the Recipient with the above amendment by signing, dating and returning to us one of the original copies of this Amendment Letter. Upon
receipt by the Administrator of the original Amendment Letter countersigned by you, this Amendment Letter will become effective as of the date of your countersignature.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Ferid Belhaj
Country Director
Middle East Department
Middle East and North Africa Region

AGREED

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF IRAQ

By: 

Name: Prof. Dr. Ali Yousef Al_Shukri
Title: Minister of Planning
Date: 14 Jan, 2013