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

1. Reference is made to the Letter Agreement between Finland, represented by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (the “Donor”), and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”), regarding the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, TF No.050576 (the “Trust Fund”), dated June 27, 2002, as amended (the “Letter Agreement”).

2. The Bank acknowledges that the Donor agrees to provide a sum of ten million Euros (€10,000,000) (the “Supplemental Contribution”), for the Trust Fund in accordance with the terms of the Letter Agreement.

3. The Donor shall deposit the Supplemental Contribution in the currency specified in paragraph 2 above into such bank account designated by the Bank promptly following countersignature of this amendment (the “Amendment”) and submission of a payment request by the Bank. Upon receipt of the funds, the Bank shall convert them into United States Dollars. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 7(a) of the Annex to the Letter Agreement, we acknowledge the Donor’s expression of preference, as set out below:

   €5,000,000           (no expression of preference)
   €2,500,000           (Citizen’s Charter Project)
   €2,500,000           (Education Quality Reform in Afghanistan Project)

The Bank shall use its discretion to ensure that out of the Supplemental Contribution, a total of five million Euros (€5,000,000) supports projects under the Trust Fund as indicated above.

4. When making a deposit, the Donor shall instruct its bank to include in its deposit details information (remittance advice) field of its SWIFT deposit message, information indicating: the amount deposited, that the deposit is made by the Donor for Trust Fund No.050576 (the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund), and the date of the deposit (the “Deposit Instructions”). In addition, the Donor shall provide a copy of the Deposit Instructions to the Bank’s Accounting
Trust Funds Division by e-mail sent to tfremitadvice@worldbank.org or by fax sent to (202) 614-1315.

5. All the terms of the Letter Agreement shall remain the same. The Bank shall disclose this Amendment in accordance with the Bank's Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment, the Donor consents to such disclosure.

6. Each of the undersigned represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Amendment and act in accordance with these terms and conditions. The Bank and the Donor are each requested to sign and date this Amendment, and upon possession by the Bank of this fully signed Amendment, this Amendment will become effective as of the date of the last signature.

Sincerely yours,

/ Shubham Chaudhuri
Country Director, Afghanistan
South Asia Region

Confirmed and Agreed:
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND

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Date: May 23rd, 2018