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His Excellency
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Re: IDA Credit 5196-MD and IDA Credit 6181-MD
Moldova Education Reform Project and
Moldova Education Reform Project Additional Financing
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter.

Excellency:

I refer to the Financing Agreement between Republic of Moldova (the “Recipient”) and the International Development Association (the “Association”) for the above-referenced Project. The General Conditions, as defined in the Financing Agreement, provide that the Recipient may from time to time request withdrawals of Credit amounts from the Credit Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This version applies to the original and the additional financing projects and supersedes all previous Disbursement Letters. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (“DFIL”), and may be revised from time to time.

1. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Credit Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Credit Funds.


(i) Disbursement Arrangements

- **General Provisions** (Schedule 1). The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, and conditions, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications and processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account.

- **Special Provision.** Projects in situations of urgent need of assistance or capacity constraints: Disbursements for goods, works, or non-consulting services and consulting services contracts procured or selected in the international market through open competition, limited competition or through no competition, as set out in the procurement plan, must be made only through Direct Payment or Special Commitment disbursement methods.
(ii) Electronic Delivery. Section 11.01 (c) of the General Conditions.

The Association may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver applications (with supporting documents) through the Association’s web-based portal (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org) “Client Connection”. This option may be effected if the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of “Client Connection”. The designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through “Client Connection”. By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by electronic means. The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Association reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Association’s public website at https://worldbank.org and “Client Connection”; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits.

(i) Financial Reports. The Recipient must prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports (“IFR”) for the Project covering the semester.

(ii) Audits. Each audit of the Financial Statements must cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period must be furnished to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

III. Other Information.

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Association’s website (http://www.worldbank.org/) and “Client Connection”. The Association recommends that you register as a user of “Client Connection”. From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Credit, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the Association by email at clientconnection@worldbank.org.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Luis Schwarz Senior Finance Officer at lschwarz@worldbank.org, with copy to Darjan Dragicevic, Finance Analyst at ddragicevic@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

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